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CONTINUATION of the TRAVELS
OF

JOHN GEORGE KEYSER, F. R. S.

[BEFORE we enter that long celebrated city of Rome with Mr. Keyser, it will not be amiss to attend to the idea Mr. Sharp gives us of the nature of travelling in Italy. He writes thus from Rome.

“ We arrived at this place, after a journey of seven days, with accommodations uncomfortable enough. Give what scope you please to your fancy, you will never image half the disagreeableness that Italian beds, Italian cooks, Italian post-horses, Italian postilions, and Italian nastiness, offer to an Englishman, in an autumnal journey; much more to an Englishwoman.

At Turin, Milan, Venice, Rome, and, perhaps, two or three other towns, you meet with good accommodation; but no words can express the wretchedness of the other inns. No other beds than one of straw, with a mattress of straw, and next to that a dirty sheet, sprinkled with water, and, consequently, damp; for a covering you have another sheet, as coarse as the first, and as coarse as one of our kitchen jack-towels, with a dirty coverlet. The bedsted consists of four wooden forms, or benches: an English peer and peeress must lye in this manner, unless they carry an

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upholsterer's shop with them, which is very troublesome. There are, by the bye, no such things as curtains, and hardly, from Venice to Rome, that cleanly and most useful invention, a privy; so that what should be collected and buried in oblivion, is for ever under your nose and eyes. Take along with you, that in all these inns the walls are bare, and the floor has never once been washed since it was first laid. One of the most indelicate customs here, is, that men, and not women, make the ladies beds, and would do every office of a maid servant, if suffered. To sum up, in a word, the total of Italian nastiness, your chamber, which you would wish to be the sweetest, is by far the most offensive room in the house, for reasons I shall not explain. I must tell you, that except in two or three places, they never scour their pewter, and unless you were to see it, you will not conceive how dirty and nauseous it grows in thirty or forty years. Their knives are of the same colour as their pewter, and their table-cloths and napkins such as you see on joint-stools, in Bartholomew-Fair, where the mob eat their sausages. In these inns they make you pay largely, and send up ten times as much as you can eat. This is almost constantly the fare.—A soup like wash, with pieces of liver swimming in it; a plate full of brains, fried in the shape of fritters; a dish of livers and gizzards; a couple of fowls (always killed after your arrival) boiled to rags, without any the least kind of sauce, or herbage; another fowl, just killed, stewed as they call it; then two more fowls, or a turkey roasted to rags. I must not omit to mention, that, all over Italy, on the roads, the chickens and fowls are so stringy, you may divide the breast into as many filaments as you can a halfpenny-worth of thread. Now and then we get a little piece of mutton, or veal, and, generally speaking, it is the only eatable morsel that falls in our way. I should mention, that pigeons boiled and roasted, often supply the place of some of
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the abovementioned dishes. The bread all the way is exceedingly bad, and the butter so rancid, it cannot be touched, or even borne within the reach of our smell. We procured, the other day, a pint of cream, and made a little extempore butter, which proved almost as good as any we eat in England, so that the fault seems to lye in the manufacture, and not in the milk ; yet such is the force of education and custom, that the people here do not wish to have it better than it is. In Savoy, amongst the Alps, we were often astonished at the excellence of their diet ; so great is the disparity between French and Italian cooks, on the Savoy and the Loretto roads.

But what is a greater evil to travellers than any of the above recited, though not peculiar to the Loretto road, are the infinite numbers of gnats, bugs, fleas, and lice, which infest us by night and by day.

You will grant, after this description of the horrors of an Italian journey, that one ought to take no small pleasure in treading on classic ground ; yet, believe me, I have not caricatured ; every article of it is literally true.”—]

If we compare modern Rome, with regard to its present extent, and the number of inhabitants, with several other cities in the world, we shall find many that surpass it ; but, when we add the power and influence it has maintained, during so many centuries, over many powerful nations, Rome never had its equal in the world.

It is highly probable, both from ocular demonstration and the accounts of ancient writers, that the walls of the modern city are, in many places, the same with those of the ancient, and their circumferences nearly equal. But the difference between the number of buildings on this spot is very great, one half of modern Rome lying waste, or converted into gardens, fields, meadows, and vineyards ; in which the most magnificent structures were anciently erected. You may walk wholly round the city in three or four

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hours at most, the circumference being reckoned about thirteen short Italian miles: whereas a tour round the city of Paris and its suburbs will, at least, require six or seven hours.

It must be granted, that the number of inhabitants in ancient Rome exceeded that of the modern, it appearing from Ciacconius, in the life of pope Gregory XI. that, in the year 1376, the whole number of inhabitants in Rome amounted only to thirty-three thousand. Paulus Jovius informs us, that, under the happy and peaceable government of pope Leo, the number was increased to eighty-five thousand; but in the turbulent times of Clement VII. Rome could boast only of thirty-two thousand inhabitants. In the year 1709 the number of births, at Rome, amounted to three thousand six hundred and sixty-two; and the whole number of inhabitants to a hundred and thirty-eight thousand five hundred and sixty-eight; among whom were forty bishops; two thousand six hundred and eighty-six priests, three thousand five hundred and fifty-nine monks, a thousand eight hundred and fourteen nuns, three hundred and ninety three courtisans, or licensed prostitutes, and fourteen Moors. The Jews were not thought worthy of being included in this computation, though they amounted to about eight or nine thousand. Five years after, namely, in July 1714, pope Clement XI. ordered an account to be taken by Carraccioli of all the inhabitants in Rome, the number of which, then, amounted to a hundred and forty-three thousand; whereas Paris contains, at least, between eight and nine hundred thousand, and London still more, as plainly appears from the yearly bills of mortality. The latter city has, within these twenty years, increased so prodigiously, that the difference between London and Paris is sufficiently evident from taking a view of the latter from the tower of Notre Dame, and of the former from the upper gallery in St. Paul's cupola. With regard to the
multitude

multitude of inhabitants; London, indeed, has more open and larger squares than Paris; but Paris abounds with several spacious convents, which are, in proportion, but thinly inhabited. The people have also little employment upon the Seine, whereas the many hundred large vessels, and the almost infinite number of boats and other small craft on the Thames, maintain more people than many large cities contain. We may form some conjecture of the inhabitants of London from the quantity of provisions, there being, one day with another, twelve hundred oxen killed, and upward of twenty thousand sheep every week, beside twelve thousand hogs and calves; as appears from exact registers, and the assurances given the king of Prussia, in 1725, at Herenhausen, by lord Townshend.

The sovereignty of ancient Rome over a great part of the globe seems, indeed, to give it a superiority over modern Rome; but the latter boasts of a monarchy raised by a peculiar sort of policy, and, in respect of the extent of dominions, especially before Luther's reformation, surpasses ancient Rome itself. And I must own, that in external splendor and the beauty of its temples and palaces, modern Rome excels the ancient. In this respect I differ from St. Augustin, who wished, above all things, to have seen *Christum in carne, Paulum in ore, Romam in flore*. "Christ in the flesh, St. Paul preaching, and Rome in its ancient glory."

The veneration entertained of antiquity, and the natural prejudices of mankind for things lost or absent, make us look upon them in a quite different light from those that are actually present. The beauty of a city does not solely consist in the number of its statues, and the enormous extent of its buildings, of which ancient Rome boasted. No city in Europe can shew any thing equal to St. Peter's church at Rome; and I question whether Nero's golden palace,

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or any other building in ancient Rome, could be compared with this structure.

If we consider the prodigious sums annually remitted to this city from all countries of the Romish religion, we shall be the less surprised that Rome was able to recover herself after so many severe devastations. A few centuries ago, the power of the pope was so considerable, that not only several kings paid him an annual tribute, but seditions, excommunications, and even deprivation of their dignity were the general consequences of his displeasure. St. Antoninus observes that the words of the royal prophet, Ps. viii. ver. 7, &c. "Thou hast put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, also the wild beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever it contains," have been literally accomplished in the pope: for, according to this commentator, under him were subjected the sheep, or Christians; the oxen, or Jews; the beasts of the field, or heathens; the fowls of the air, or good and bad angels; and, lastly, the fish in the sea, or the souls in purgatory. The orthodox cannot be offended with this interpretation, they being compared to that innocent creature the sheep; but heretics are little obliged to Urban Cerri, who, in his *State of the Romish Church*, styles them unclean beasts, and highly commends pope Innocent XI. for his zeal in persecuting heretics: exhorting him to proceed, by applying, profanely, these words in the Acts of the Apostles, chap. x. ver. 13. "Rise, Peter, kill and eat," to the Roman pontiff.

The pope's revenues must be very considerable, if we only reckon what sums are annually sent to Rome from foreign countries, for dispensations, annates, bulls, censurations, and the like: and the great wealth of such families as have the good fortune to have one of their relations exalted to the papal chair, is a manifest proof that they are prodigious: for, notwithstanding the pope's profane method of living, they

they leave behind them considerable fortunes, both in money and lands; as is well known to be the case, with regard to the Ottoboni, Altieri, Chigi, Pamfili, Barberini, Borghese, Ludovisi, and other papal families. It has, in particular, been computed that Urban VIII. descended from the house of Barberini, left his family upward of twenty-four millions of Roman scudi, about six millions sterling, which he accumulated, partly from the confiscation of the estates and effects of about three thousand unhappy persons put to death by the inquisition, and partly from other revenues *.

Pope

* Our readers will doubtless be gratified on this occasion by seeing the fees of the pope's chancery, from a book printed about 150 years ago, by the authority of the then pope; being a table or list of the fees paid for absolutions, dispensations, licences, indulgences, faculties and exemptions. It was translated many years since, under the title of, *Rome a great custom-house for sin*.

A B S O L U T I O N S.

For a layman that stole holy or consecrated things out of a holy place, 10 s. 6 d.

For the priest that restores not to the church the holy things he took away, 10 s. 6 d.

For him that reveals another man's confession, 10 s. 6 d.

For him who lies with a woman in the church, and there commits other enormities, 9 s.

For him that hath committed perjury, hath wilfully and falsely sworn himself, 9 s.

For him that secretly practiseth usury, 10 s. 6 d.

For him that burieth an open and notorious usurer in Christian burial, 12 s.

For a layman for the vice of simony, 9 s.

For a priest for the vice of simony, 10 s. 6 d.

For a monk for the vice of simony, 12 s.

For him that simonically enters holy orders, 1 l. 6 s.

And his letters of absolution from the simony, 1 l. 4 s.

For a layman for murdering a layman, 7 s. 6 d.

For him that hath killed his father, 10 s. 6 d.

For him that hath killed his mother, 10 s. 6 d.

For him that hath killed his wife, 10 s. 6 d.

For him that hath killed his sister, 10 s. 6 d.

For him that hath killed his kinswoman, if they be of the laity, are rated at no more than 10 s. 6 d.

And his letters of absolution will cost him 10 s. 6 d.

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Pope Innocent XII bears, in his family arms, three cups, which he ordered to be inverted, to shew that he intended not to gather, but pour out and distribute, with

But if the party so slain be a clerk, a priest, or a clergyman, then the murderer is bound to go to Rome, and visit the apostolic see, 6 l. 6 s. 6 d.

For laying violent hands on a clergyman, or religious man, so it be without effusion of blood, 10 s. 6 d.

For the husband, or wife, who find in the morning, or when they awake, the infant lying by them, to be dead, 9 s.

For the husband who beats, or strikes his wife, being big with child, so as thereupon she comes before her time, and loseth her child, 9 s.

For a woman, who being with child, took medicinal drink, to destroy her birth, or doth any other act, whereby the child being alive in her womb is destroyed, is rated at 7 s. 6 d.

For a priest, or clergyman, that keeps a concubine; as also his dispensation, to save him from being irregular, (which by general and provincial constitutions he incurs) all this together is rated at 10 s. 6 d.

For a layman that keeps a concubine, 10 s. 6 d.

For him that hath defiled a virgin, 9 s.

For him that lyeth with his own mother, 7 s. 6 d.

For him that lyeth with his sister, 7 s. 6 d.

For him that lieth with his godmother, 7 s. 6 d.

For him that lyeth with any woman that is of his blood, or carnal kindred, 7 s. 6 d.

For him that robs or spoils another, 12 s.

For him that burns his neighbour's house, &c. 12 s.

For him that forges letters testimonial, 10 s. 6 d.

For him that is a witness to such forged letters, 10 s. 6 d.

For him that forgeth any writs of the office of the penitentiary, 12 s.

For him that forgeth letters of privilege, 1 l. 4 s.

For him that forgeth the pope's hand, 1 l. 7 s.

For him that forgeth letters apostolical, 1 l. 7 s.

For him who in a criminal cause takes a false oath, 9 s.

For him that takes two holy orders in one day, 2 l. 6 s.

For him who celebrateth the service of any order he hath not taken, 2 l. 6 s.

For him that procures himself to be promoted to a feigned title, that is, to such or such a benefice, when indeed he hath none, if he confirm with a false oath, 2 l. 9 s. 6 d.

For him that is ordained without letters dimissory, from his own ordinary, 1 l. 8 s. 6 d.

For him that holds many benefices, 2 l. 17 s.

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with this motto, *aliis, non sibi*; but Pasquin put the comma after the word *non*, and by that means intirely changed the meaning, and, indeed, with a great deal of

For a king for going to the holy sepulchre without licence, 7 l. 10 s.

For a prince who vowed to visit the holy sacrament, 1 l. 10 s.

D I S P E N S A T I O N S.

For a bastard to enter all holy orders, and take a benefice with a cure, 18 s.

To have two benefices compatible, 16 s.

To have three benefices, 1 l. 6 s. 4

To marry in the 4th degree of consanguinity, 1 l. 5 s. 6 d.

To marry in the 3d degree of consanguinity, 2 l. 6 s.

To marry in the 2d degree of consanguinity, 2 l. 2 s. 6 d.

To marry in the 1st degree, 2 l. 14 s.

To marry her with whom one hath a special kindred, 4 l. 10 s.

For him who having one wife absent, and hearing her to be dead, marieth another, but she proving to be alive, he notwithstanding desireth to keep and to live with the latter, 15 s.

And moreover there must be a composition with the datary, which will be sometimes 300, 400, 500, or 600 glosses, according to the quality of the persons so married; and the clerk or writer will have 10 s. 6 d.

For a man or woman that is found hang'd, that they may have Christian burial, 1 l. 7 s. 6 d.

For one that entered into his benefice by simony, that he may notwithstanding retain the same, 1 l. 10 s.

For one under age to enter holy orders, and to be made a priest, 2 l. 9 s. 6 d.

For one under age to be ordained a bishop, 2 l. 9 s. 6 d.

To be ordained at any time of the year, 4 l. 1 s.

L I C E N C E S.

For a man to change his vow, 15 s.

For a layman to change his vow of going to Rome, to visit the apostolic churches, 18 s.

To eat flesh and white-meats in Lent, and other fasting days, 10 s. 6 d.

That a king or queen shall enjoy such indulgences, as if they went to Rome, 15 l.

For a queen to adopt a child, 300 l.

That a king, or a prince, may exact contributions of the clergy, 3 l. 15 s.

If the contribution arise to a hundred thousand florins, then for the first thousand he must have 7 s. 6 d.

And

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of truth. The court of Rome can considerably increase its revenues, being able to dispose of consecrated reliques, palls, *Agni Dei*, rosaries, indulgences, *Quietus's*,

And for every other florin, 1 s. 6 d.

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That he that preaches before a king, may give indulgence to all that hear him, 18 s.

That a nobleman may go into a monastery, with a certain number of followers, 18 s.

To receive the sacrament, or be buried in a church interdicted, 2 l. 5 s.

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To found a chapel, 1 l. 4 s.

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3 l. 15 s.

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To have a portable altar, 15 s.

To have mass in a place interdicted, 15 s.

To go into a nunnery alone, 18 s.

To divide a dead body into two, that it may be buried in two places, 18 s.

That during the interdict of a town, the officers may have mass and service in a chapel, 3 l. 15 s.

For a town to take out of the church them that have taken sanctuary therein, 4 l. 10 s.

For a priest to say mass in any place, 6 d.

For a bishop to visit, 3 l.

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And if the abbot will have withal a licence to wear a mitre, it will cost him (by the rate-book of pope John XXII.) 7 l. 10 s.

For a bishop from the jurisdiction of his metropolitan, during his life, 3 l. 15 s.

Of a parochial church from the bishop's jurisdiction, 1 l. 10 s.

Of the parson of a parish from the power of his ordinary, during a suit, 1 l. 10 s.

Of a town from any imposition, 4 l. 10 s.

Of a private person from the same, 2 l. 5 s.

Of a monastery, and convent, from the same, as it is found in the rate-book of pope John XXII. It is taxed at 22 l. 2 s.

Cætera de sunt.

N. B. This is only the pope's share.

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1. The rota is considered as a parliament, or a court of ultimate appeal. The consistory is the highest assembly where the cardinals have a seat and vote: there is free access into this assembly on particular occasions.

The pope's forces, either by sea or land, make but a poor figure; and you see no soldiers, except in the castle of St. Angelo, in Civita Vecchia, Urbino, Ferrara, and some other small garrisons on the frontiers. The pope's Swiss guards make a handsome appearance, yet serve only for keeping off the crowd at public solemnities. I must needs say, that foreigners find them here civil on all occasions, especially when one speaks to them in German, and calls them landsmen or countrymen: whereas, on the contrary, the same good character cannot be always given to the Swiss at Versailles. And I remember, that a certain Austrian nobleman, of the first rank, being pressed by the crowd, in return to his polite compliment of landfman, received this rude and brutal answer: "To-day, indeed, every bear-leader will call me countryman."

To prevent all disorders in the city of Rome, they have three hundred Sbirri or halberdiers, whose commander is called Barigello. He is distinguished from the others by a gold chain, with a medal of the same metal hanging to it. When he is desirous of being known, he wears the chain about his neck. His employment was formerly in good esteem, but, at present, it is fallen into great contempt.

The figure which the cardinals make is not at all correspondent to that of persons who claim an equal rank with crowned heads. The title of cardinal is pretty ancient, but not in the sense in which it is taken at present. In former times the whole body of the clergy and people of Rome chose their bishops, who was confirmed by the emperor, and sometimes deprived by him for seditious practices. The great reputation in which cardinals were held began under pope

pope Nicholas II. They had the red hat given them by Innocent IV. in the year 1243, at the council of Lyons. Paul II. conferred the red habit upon them; and for the title of *eminentissimus* they are indebted to pope Urban VIII. having, formerly, no other stile than *illustrissimi*, like other bishops and prelates: that they formerly wore woollen and linen caps, appears from Petri Diaconi Chronic. Cassinens. lib. iv. c. ii. p. 428. The red hat is said to be an emblem of their readiness to shed their blood in the cause of religion; but we find few cardinals in the list of martyrs. It is certain that this whole scarlet habit is very becoming; and the dead cardinals are painted red, the better to set off their cadaverous countenances. Cardinal Pamfili was buried on the 24th of March, after his body had lain some time in state, in St. Agnes's church, *à la Piazza Navona*, and his face painted of a beautiful red colour with vermilion.

In the promoting foreign prelates to the cardinalship, the pope regulates himself according to the nomination of crowned heads; who profess the Roman catholic religion: and this privilege the king of Sardinia obtained by a refined piece of policy, recommending to pope Benedict XIII. Ferreri, a brother of the marquis d'Ormea, whom the pope himself would gladly have seen invested with the purple. I could also name a cardinal who owed his promotion to a defender of the protestant faith, namely, George I. king of Great Britain, who procured him the nomination of the king of Poland; but the peculiar connections of this affair are best known to the present bishop of Namur, formerly the abbé Strickland.

The conclave is the scene where the cardinals principally endeavour to display their parts, and where many transactions pass which hardly shew their inspiration from the Holy Ghost. It is well known, that, during the election of a pope in 1721, the animosities ran so high, that they came to blows with both their hands and feet, and threw the standishes at each other.

other. Davia, Albani, Pamfili, and Althan, most distinguished themselves in these quarrels; and, therefore, it is not at all surprising, that among the officers belonging to the conclave, they have one or two surgeons. At each election, the emperor, and the kings of France and Spain, have a right of excepting against any person proposed for the papal dignity; but this must be done before the full number of voices requisite for that purpose is actually declared. While an election may be prevented by cabals or intrigue, recourse is seldom had to an exclusion.

During the whole time of the conclave's sitting, Rome is filled with pasquinades, and every day copies of them are sold secretly, in the coffee-houses, to foreigners; but they are generally wretched performances.

It is surprising that some means have not been discovered for limiting the duration of a conclave, as such close confinement to persons, who usually live in commodious palaces, must, especially in hot weather, be extremely inconvenient. In England, juries are locked up in criminal cases, without meat, drink, or candle, till they have agreed on a verdict. How far this might be imitated, with regard to conclaves, I shall leave others to determine. It would, at least, prevent a great deal of caballing, and render unnecessary many privileges granted to the conclavists, who are two attendants on each cardinal; a set of persons who must be all pleased, because they are acquainted with the most secret intrigues. Their favour is of great importance, it being evident from the history of papal elections, that they have often gained for their masters the papal throne.

It is scarcely to be imagined with what dispatch each cardinal partitions and contrives, according to his own fancy, the small part allotted him in the conclave for his cell. The whole apartment is not above eighteen or twenty feet square, which is laid out into a dining-room, a bed-chamber, and lobby, for servants

vants and conclavists: some make two stories of it, but then the stair-case is very narrow. The cells have no other partition than cloth-hangings; so that, when a large room is divided into many cells, whatever is spoken aloud in any of them, may be heard in all the rest. Hence appears the scandalous falsity which the author of a treatise, intitl'd *La Guerre d'Italie, ou Memoires du Comte D—*, is guilty of, in saying, that the young cardinals in the conclave divert themselves with their mistresses, give little concerts, singing and dancing themselves, like wanton boys.

I have already observed that no cardinal has the liberty of chusing his cell, but must content himself with that assigned him by lot. But when any cardinal refuses to attend the election, his cell remains unoccupied. The cardinals created by the late pope, and his other dependants, have the hangings and furniture of their cells of a dark-violet colour; but others have green. The former, likewise, are dressed in purple, during the time of the conclave. The chapel of Sixtus IV. is fitted up for the scrutiny and adoration, and in it is a stove for burning the suffrages or voting billets.

Each conclave costs the papal treasury about two hundred thousand scudi; nor have foreign princes any reason to desire frequent conclaves; particularly the emperor, who always sends an ambassador extraordinary, and also defrays the charges of the German cardinals, who on this occasion retire to Rome: so that each of the two last conclaves is said to have cost him upward of two thousand Rhenish guilders. During the conclave, many disorders and violences are daily committed, especially in the country; where foreigners, who have no connection with the candidates, and consequently should have nothing to fear, would act very imprudently, not to retire to their lodgings before it is dark. Twenty or thirty murders are generally committed in the streets of Rome, during the sitting of the conclave.

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Before I conclude my description of the papal court, I must observe, that protestants are not admitted to an audience, if they refuse to kiss the pope's foot. Clement I. was, however, less scrupulous in this particular, and, when such protestants withdrew, would give them his blessing, adding, *Ad minimum non nocebit*, "It will, at least, do no harm." No person is admitted to the pope with a sword or cane; nor must any presume to wear gloves in his presence; for, when the Swiss guards, who walk before the pope, observe foreigners with their gloves on, they immediately order them to pull them off.

On Maundy Thursday, several religious fraternities, and a numerous procession of others, among whom ten or twelve were masked, came to St. Peter's church and scourged their naked backs with thongs tagged with iron. It was easy, from the quantity of blood on the pavement, to distinguish the place where they stood. Whether these were voluntary self-tormentors, or whether this flogging penance had been enjoined them for some enormous crimes, I shall not pretend to determine: but, be that as it may, a lighted torch was carried behind them, and often applied to their backs, to stop the great effusion of blood. Benedict XIII. forbid such processions, as not proper to be allowed among Christians; but, as no pope was then elected, every person followed his own opinion. How the fantastical priests of Bellona, Isis, and the Dea Syriæ disciplined themselves, is sufficiently described in ancient history.

From the Tribuna, over the statue of St. Veronica, near the altar Maggiore, is shewn a piece of Christ's cross; part of the iron of the spear with which he was pierced, and, lastly, an impression of our Saviour's bloody face on a linen cloth. The name of St. Veronica is, in all probability, derived from the fable of the *vera Ikon*, or true image of Christ; and Mabilion (*in Pref. Mist. Ital.*) conjectures, that this spurious saint acquired the name from a painted face

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of Christ, and the Greek words $\phi\acute{\iota}\mu$, I bear, and $\epsilon\iota\kappa\acute{\alpha}\varsigma$, an image.

On Good Friday, some of our company, following a great concourse of people, came to a subterraneous chapel belonging to the jesuits, which, as soon as they had entered, was immediately locked. The fathers distributed to each a knotted scourge, while another of the fraternity, at the altar, made a long harangue on our Saviour's sufferings, and concluded with saying, "that the least we could do was, by his example, to chastise our flesh and blood." He then exhorted his audience that, in performing this holy duty, "they would not spare the old Adam." The lights were now put out, and the Litany sung, during which time the audience continued scourging and whipping themselves. The exhortation and scourgings were three times repeated. I suppose the intention of putting out the lights was, that some might not scourge themselves too severely, and the modesty of others who stripped themselves, might not be exposed by their stripes. The protestants who entered with the crowd, were not displeased with the darkness, as they were not inclined to lacerate their bodies for the benefit of their souls; and, at the same time, did not think it advisable to make themselves known. The discipline being ended, the scourges were returned, and the doors thrown open.

On the same day was exposed, in the Greek church, a wooden model of Christ's sepulchre; the bishop assisted the rest of the clergy in singing the antiphon, with a round tiara on his head.

Turks and Jews are usually baptised on Easter Eve in the Lateran church, and great numbers of ecclesiastics are at the same time admitted into holy orders.

Those who are desirous of seeing Rome, would do well not to postpone it till after the month of June; because, from that time till Easter, most of the fine altar-pieces are covered

18 KEYSLER'S TRAVELS.

The city of Rome has suffered so much from the ancient Gauls, Vandals, Heruli, Ostrogoths, Visigoths, and German troops; especially from the latter in the year 1527, headed by Charles of Bourbon, that it is said to have been sacked or pillaged seven times: this, however, is certain, that the surface of the ground on which Rome was originally founded, is surprisingly altered by their frequent ravages. It is difficult, at present, to distinguish the seven hills, on which Rome was anciently built, the low grounds having been filled up by the ruins of whole streets; so that we sometimes ascend an eminence celebrated by the ancients without perceiving it. Antiquity informs us, that the ascent from the street to the Pantheon or Rotundo consisted of thirteen steps; whereas now the whole area about it is upon a level with the pavement of the temple. The basis and inscription of Trajan's pillar is lower than the adjacent ground, so that it will be requisite, for preserving that part of the pillar, to support the ditch made round it with a wall. It is common in digging deep for the foundation of houses, &c. to discover pillars, statues, and fragments of ancient buildings; and, in some places, they have even found the pavement of the old city, twenty or thirty feet below the present surface of the ground. And this alteration of the surface has, likewise, in all probability, affected the salubrity of the air.

The stupendous common-sewers by which the filth and dirt of the ancient city was conveyed in the Cloaca maxima, have, indeed, still many passages for conveying away the soil and water; but the greatest part of these are stopped, and the Cloaca maxima itself is in bad order. This must needs cause a putrefaction in the air, which is too sensibly perceived by those, who, by digging deep into the earth, happen to discover an aperture of such an obstructed sink; there being several instances of workmen who have lost their

their lives from the putrid effluvia, notwithstanding all their care and caution. The same alterations are visible in other parts of the country, especially those near the sea; several fine cities and palaces being anciently erected there, and frequented, as the most healthy spots in time of pestilence; which are now quite the reverse, part of the sea-coast being a wet marshy soil, and the air so bad, that during the summer season, several of the convents are forsaken, the monks removing to some more healthful situation. The land, even in the neighbourhood of Rome, is but badly cultivated, and, in the night-time, covered with fogs and igneous vapours. These must have been uncommon in the time of the ancient Romans; for Livy often mentions such phænomena as prodigies, or omens: and, in the Roman mythology, they occasioned propitiatory sacrifices and offerings. Mineral sulphur is often dug near Rome, in the form of white earth, and afterward purified by sublimation. Vitriol is found here in abundance, and that found in the copper mines, is called Roman vitriol. There are alum works in the neighbourhood of Rome; arsenic, also, abounds here. From these works and mines rise many noxious effluvia, which never affected ancient Rome, these minerals being then unknown, or suffered to remain in the bowels of the earth.

Perhaps, a concurrence of all these circumstances have contributed to alter the temperature of the seasons, particularly with regard to the mildness of the winters, for some time observed in this climate. Some passages in Horace intimate, that during the winter in his time, the streets of Rome were filled with snow and ice: and it appears from the sixth satire of Juvenal, that it was not uncommon to see the Tiber frozen over: whereas, at present, the winter must be remarkably cold for snow to lie a day in the city; and, with regard to the Tiber, no person can remember its being frozen.

The alterations in the adjacent countries have also proved prejudicial to the Tiber; its mouth or efflux into the sea is almost choaked up with mud and sand; and its bed very much contracted by filth and rubbish from the houses situated on its banks: so that a strong south-wind is often the cause of its overflowing its banks, and causing great inundations in Rome, and the adjacent country. The papal chamber has, indeed, employed one Cornelius Mayer, a Dutchman, to erect proper works for confining the river to its channel, and to clear it in some places; but this cannot be completed at once. Some are of opinion, that if the course of the river could be turned into another channel, many curious pieces of antiquity, as well as immense riches, thrown into it during the misfortunes of Rome, would be found. The water is generally so foul, that it is not even fit for horses to drink, till it has stood two or three days to settle.

The inhabitants of Rome are very cautious of their health, especially during the heat of the dog-days. And it is affirmed, that no inhabitant of Rome can, without manifest danger, sleep within fifteen or twenty Italian miles of the city: so that, in travelling to Rome, they take care, in the 1st day's journey, not to put up within that distance. Even in the city, they seldom change bed-chambers for another in the same house. To remove from one house to another, betwixt St. Peter's and All Saints-Day, is supposed to be attended with so much danger at Rome, that no tenant or lodger can be obliged to leave a house within that term.

The south-east winds, blowing over the Pontine fens, would still be more pernicious to the city, if it were not defended by the woods on the mountains of Albano and Tivulum. It is, however, evident, that the inhabitants of Rome make too much ado about the unhealthiness of their climate, and the dangers attending the heats of the summer. Strangers,

gers, who never take half the precautions, enjoy as good a state of health as the natives. How many cardinals come to Rome in the midst of summer from distant countries when a conclave is to be held, without so many timorous fears, and return as well as they came, without suffering for their negligence? And surely no one will pretend that heat has any respect of persons. This chimerical danger seems to have been unknown in the time of Cicero, from whose epistles it appears, that he frequently resided at Rome in the summer months, and took many journeys to and from that city.

It cannot, indeed, be denied, but that, after the north wind has continued a long time, and suddenly shifts to the south, or a strong south wind arises with cloudy fogs, health is precarious at Rome; but this evil is not peculiar to that city, all Italy is equally obnoxious to it. From the vernal to the autumnal equinox, Rome generally enjoys a clear serene air; the soil is good, the mountains pleasant, and the thin air from the hills corrects the thicker vapours rising in the vallies or lower ground. Few cities can equal Rome for large fountains, which, by continually throwing up water, give a freshness to the air; and, the inundations of the Tiber being now provided against, the inhabitants are in a fair way of being eased of their apprehensions, with regard to the summer heats; especially as Leo X. and Urban VIII. ordered several of the sewers or Cloacæ to be repaired, and made other regulations, for rendering the city and its neighbourhood more clean and salutary. The quarters about the Quirinal and Trinita del Monte are the most healthy parts of Rome; for which reason, foreigners generally chuse to lodge, especially in the latter, as the coffee-houses and taverns are chiefly situated near the Piazza di Spagna.

That Rome, of itself, is not unhealthy, may be gathered from the great age, to which not a few of its inhabitants arrive; and even some judgment may

be formed of this from several cardinals, who have reached their eightieth year. Some affirm, that one third of that reverend body have reached that term, and without feeling any of the infirmities commonly attendant on that feeble stage; whence it may also be concluded, that the ancient Romans did not live so abstemious as the modern, few such instances being recorded in the ancient historians. Add to this, that the manner of living at Rome is at present much more agreeable than it was in former ages, hardly a day passing, but one may have an opportunity of visiting polite assemblies of persons of distinction of both sexes. But unmarried ladies have not here the same liberty of appearing in public, as in other countries; for, throughout all Italy, they are confined in nunneries till they are either old or married.

The carnival diversions at Rome are much more elegant, except to those who delight intirely in debauchery, than those at Venice, where people stroll about in mean masquerade habits, in company with infamous courtesans; whereas, at Rome, none but women of character dare appear on the Corso, without being exposed to the danger of a very severe treatment, in case of a discovery. These diversions last only the eight last days before the beginning of Lent, and then but from two till six in the afternoon; hence the people of Rome say, that their carnival lasts no more than twenty-four hours. The place of meeting is the Corso, a fine street running in a straight line, from the Porta del Popolo, eleven hundred geometrical, or about two thousand seven hundred and twenty common paces. Every person is at liberty to appear with or without a mask, on foot or in a coach, according to his own inclination. The coaches follow each other in two rows. The principal nobility of Rome are carried in splendid triumphal chariots, which give a grand appearance to their diversions. Sbirri are posted in different parts to prevent any disturbance, and their barigello, or captain, rides up
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and down uncovered, without putting on his hat, till toward evening, when he has obtained an order for the horse-races, a sport no where to be seen but in Italy and England.

The nobility here, like the English, value themselves upon keeping horses of uncommon swiftness. In Italy, most of their race-horses are from Barbary; but the English are of their own breed, having no occasion for those of foreign countries. But there is still a greater difference in these diversions of the two nations; in England they take particular care that the riders are exactly of the same weight; whereas, in Italy, the horses run alone, being trained up for this purpose. On their sides and backs are leathern straps, fastened on with pitch, and under these iron balls set with strong sharp points, like the rowel of a spur, which continually prick the horses, while they continue in motion; they also fasten another spiked ball, of the same kind, under the horse's tail. Between five and eight horses stand in a row on the Piazza del Popolo, waiting, with great impatience, for the signal, which is commonly given by dropping a rope stretched across the course; immediately, upon this, they set off, and fly like an arrow from a bow along the Corso, through an incredible number of spectators, the coaches forming a lane on each side of the street. The prize, which is generally a piece of brocade, of about seventy or eighty scudi in value, is commonly given to the grooms. The people are entertained with such races every day during the carnival.

The summers are very tedious at Rome, every one keeping close within doors all day, and taking a nap at noon. Whence it is a common saying among the Romans, "That none then walk the streets but dogs, fools, or Frenchmen." The people here, from the warmth of the climate, are excessively fond of cool clear spring-water and iced liquors; for which purpose, the quantities of snow gathered from the mountains, and preserved in their ice-houses, are of



great service. In Rome they use several sorts of water for drink; but it is only in some convents that river-water is used. Rain-water is saved in cisterns, and, though troublesome to keep clean, yet is looked upon as very wholesome: beside this, they have well-water; also, water is conveyed into the city, at a great expence, from distant parts, by means of aqueducts. As I never saw any city so badly provided, in proportion to its extent, with good water to drink as Paris; so, on the contrary, I believe that no city surpasses Rome for multiplicity of clear and plentiful fountains.

Several among the ancient Romans distinguished themselves by magnificent aqueducts. The three principal aqueducts, at present in being, are those of Aqua Virginea or Trevi, Aqua Felice, and Paulina. The first was repaired by pope Paul IV. The second comes from the neighbourhood of Palastrina, twenty-two miles distant, and is a work which does honour to the illustrious reign of pope Sixtus V. who expended a million of scudi upon it; and called it *Il Condotto dell' Aqua Felice*, from Felix, the name he assumed while a monk, before he had ascended the papal throne. It discharges itself in Rome at the Fontana di Termine, which stately work Sixtus V. also built under the direction of the cavaliere Domenico Fontana. It consists of three arches, supported by four pillars of the Corinthian order, and discharges the water through three large apertures. Over the middle arch is a fine statue of Moses striking the rock with his rod; in a basso-relievo on a second compartment, Aaron is represented leading the people to the miraculous springs that gushed out in the wilderness; and, in the third, Gideon trying his men by their drinking the water. Below stand four lions, two of which, in white marble, were done by Flaminio Vacca; but the other two, of Oriental granate, were brought hither from an ancient temple of Serapis. All the four lions eject water in continual streams.

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The Aqua Paulina, which owes its name to its restorer, pope Paul V. divides itself into two capital channels, one of which supplies mount Janiculus, and the other the Vatican and the neighbouring parts. It is brought hither from the distance of thirty miles, and principally discharges itself through the fountain behind the church of St. Pietro Montorio, standing on the summit of mount Janiculus, anciently called Aurelius, at present Montorio. Its stately portal was the joint gift of Fontana and Maderno. Among its five streams three of them are so plentiful as to look like rivulets, and have a sufficiency of water to turn three mills.

In 1690 pope Alexander VIII. added new decorations to this fountain, and the area round it; and is worth visiting, were it only for the fine prospect it affords over the whole city. From these large reservoirs of water several other smaller ones are supplied, of which a particular description would be tedious. Beside the public fountains, there is scarcely any house or garden of note without private springs and water-works for amusement.

In autumn, the time of their vintage, the commonalty abandon themselves to a licentious jollity, the fruits of which generally appear the May or June following; it being observed, that more children are brought to the hospitals, during these two months, than in all the other ten months of the year.

The winter diversions at Rome are plays and operas; the latter, during the carnival, are performed on three theatres, the Aliberti, Capranica, and Al Teatro Nuovo. The first, which has its name from its founder count Aliberti, has a pit large enough to contain nine hundred spectators. This is surrounded by seven galleries one above another, in each of which are thirty-five boxes, in all two hundred and forty-five. I cannot recollect ever to have seen a theatre capable of holding so numerous an audience.

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A traveller, both in Rome and all other foreign countries, ought to be on his guard, and rather to speak too little than too much. At Rome there are a certain set of fellows, who inform the government of every thing done or said in the city. This they do with unblemished character and an easy conscience, the calling of an informer or spy not being without a patron or saint, namely, St. Alexis. They do not, however, seem to be very careful in observing the behaviour of strangers, because they spend large sums of money annually in the country. At the meeting of the host, and other processions, the protestants need not fear any of those brutal insults, which, in other countries, they sometimes meet with from the bigoted persecuting spirit of the vulgar. If an Italian sees a stranger not complying with the prescribed genuflections, he only considers him as an infidel or heretic. Even in the *Missa Spiritus Sancti*, and the presence of many cardinals, several protestants remain standing at the elevation of the host, without the least insult from the catholic Swiss guards in waiting, as is usually practised at the chapel royal at Versailles. During Lent, or other fast-days, the protestants never fail of meeting with butchers meat at most taverns or houses of public entertainment, without the trouble of procuring a licence for eating it.


The Roman catholics themselves cannot, indeed, be said to be here very strict observers of their fasts, and on Saturday use this expedient to eat meat for their supper; they wait till the clock strikes twelve, and then consider it as a Sunday morning's breakfast, which doth not come under the church's prohibition.

I have often been surpris'd to hear some Roman catholics, at public ordinaries, launch out with such freedom against the jesuits and the pope's usurpations, in civil matters, over the rights of several potentates, especially the emperor and princes of the empire. A certain papist once declared, that he never pass'd by the palace of the Crescenti family without putting off his

his hat, as a token of veneration for that glorious man, who dared to drive a turbulent pope out of Rome, though his magnanimity met but with indifferent returns. I do not care to repeat the name he was pleased to bestow on the emperor of Germany, for suffering the pope to grow so powerful at Rome.

During the conclave, a multitude of manuscript pasquinades against the deceased pope and cardinals were sold at coffee-houses, for half a paola a sheet. These satirical pieces took their name from an old mutilated statue, near which was formerly the shop of one Pasquin, a bantering inquisitive taylor or shoemaker. At present the proclamations are stuck up on this statue, on which is also an inscription, with a mark above eight feet from the surface of the ground, shewing the height of the water, during an inundation of the Tiber, in the time of pope Clement VI.

With regard to the public stews, I question the truth of some accounts, concerning the revenues accruing to the pope's treasure from the milk-tax, as it is called. They who make the number of these prostitutes amount to twenty thousand, do not consider, that all the females in Rome, young and old, scarce amount to fifty thousand. Those wretched creatures who give in their names, age, country, and family to the barigello of the sbirri, in order to be entered in a book for that purpose, are, in general, such despicable objects, that, at Naples, and other places, their practice would not defray the small tax to which they are subject. Perhaps the small sum produced by this tax never goes farther than the hands of the sbirri, part of whose province it is, to take care that none of the monks and priests enter these forbidden places; and that, in Easter week, during Advent and Lent, and other fasts and festivals of the church, these prostitutes receive no company. I have been assured, from good hands, that their number does not exceed eight hundred. In the time of pagan Rome they lived together, and the places of their evening rendezvous



rendezvous were called, by Tertullian, *Conflitoria Libidinum Publicarum*, "The statutes for the public prostitutes;" which expression agrees with the *Inflitoria Matronarum*, mentioned in Suetonius's Life of Nero, chap. xxvii. Over their stews or fornicies, from which the word fornication is derived, was written the name of the courtesan, and her price. Among the ancients it was not permitted, or, at least, not usual, for those prostitutes to make their public appearance before evening, or the ninth hour of the day; and this appears to be the reason why Persius gives the name of Nonaria to one of that sisterhood. Their dwellings were known by a lamp or candle burning at their door. And, at present, it is customary at Rome to keep a lamp burning in the street before the door of one of these registered prostitutes, which is taken away while she entertains a visitor. In Spain it is known by a sword, which the gallant always leaves at the door.

Rome is not more profligate in this respect than other populous cities; for here are several excellent institutions, made intirely with a view of reclaiming prostitutes from their unhappy state of life: they live together in one quarter of the city, and are debarred from the communion, while they publicly continue in that profession, and should they happen to die in it, they are denied Christian burial. In some parts of Italy, they are obliged, at certain times of the year, to repair to a particular church, and hear a sermon, in which, by a lively representation of their vicious lives, they are exhorted to forsake them; and such as are prevailed upon, by the preacher's argument, and in token of their remorse, kiss a crucifix handed about, are immediately taken into a convent for that purpose. This is generally done on Holy Thursday; but most of these poor wretches are so hardened as to persist in their prostitution, till, by the approach of old age, and utter decay of their usual trade, they are warned to look out for some other way of subsistence. This
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also brings to mind an order of pope Gregory XIII. which enjoins, that the Jews at Rome shall, every Saturday evening, during Lent, send a hundred men and fifty women of their community to the oratory della S S. Trinita, not far from the Ghetto or particular quarter assigned them for their residence, in order to hear a discourse on the Christian religion. The number of Jews in Rome amounts to nine thousand, and, by an order of pope Paul IV. the men are obliged to wear a piece of red cloth in their hats, and the women the same, in their head-dresses, to distinguish them from Christians. Formerly, the Jews might reside where they pleased in Rome; but the last mentioned pope, who was no friend to that people, confined them to a very narrow quarter, not far from the Tiber, where they generally live in a very miserable and slovenly manner.

All sorts of provisions are much cheaper and better at Rome than in many other parts of Italy; however, wine is not included in the rate you pay for your board, but every one provides his own at a pretty reasonable price. Esculent and all other kinds of vegetables are to be had at Rome all the year. The fruits are excellent, particularly the Perugian melons, which surpass all others. Such as are desirous of early fruit send for it to Naples, from whence they bring those forced cherries which make a part of the entertainment usually given by the pope to the cardinals on Holy Thursday. Though the Neapolitan fruits are soonest ripe, yet those of Rome are allowed to have the finest flavour.

A stranger cannot well be without some carriage in Rome, and during the carnival, they charge upward of fourteen paoli a day for it; but, in summer, they may be had under nine. Few chairs or sedans are to be met with, and none for a single person. There is also another inconveniency, they have no lamps to light the streets in the night-time; and, as I am finding fault with Rome, I must add, that the manner of
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drying their linen seems very disagreeable to me ; for this is not only done out of their windows, but upon lines extended from one side of the street to the other ; and what a mean appearance this has in a city, otherwise so splendid, any one may easily judge.

Lastly, with regard to the figure which the pretender to the English crown makes at Rome, I must say, that it is mean in every respect. The court of Rome, indeed, has issued an order, that all their subjects should stile him king of England ; but this is no more than an empty title, which even many of the Italians make a jest of. For, when they speak to strangers whom they take to be none of his friends, they sometimes, with a mixture of civility and satire, call him, *Il ré di qui*, " The king here," meaning Rome ; but, when they speak of the rightful possessor, they stile him *Il ré ài qua*, " The king there upon the spot," meaning England.

The chevalier de St. George, the title by which he is generally known, has an annual pension, from the pope's treasury, of twelve thousand scudi, or 3000 l. and, though the private donations, annually remitted to him by his adherents in Great Britain, may probably amount to as much more, yet all this falls far short of supporting the dignity of a person, who would appear like a king, and expects to be treated as such.

The pretender is remarkably fond of seeing his image upon medals : and no doubt, were kingdoms to be gained by tears (which he shed very plentifully in 1703, after the miscarriage of his attempt in Scotland) he would have found work enough for his medallists. Not to take any notice of the medal lately struck for him, I shall give you that which is at present in hand, as it will shew that his life affords but very few illustrious actions ; since, to find a subject for another medal, they are obliged to go a great many years back to the birth of his eldest son. On

one side is represented the bust of the pretender and his consort, with this legend:

Jacob. III. R. Clementina R.

On the reverse appears a lady holding a child in her left arm, leaning on a pillar, the emblem of constancy, and pointing with her right hand to a globe, on which are drawn England, Scotland, and Ireland; the legend is:

Providentia Obstetrix.

And underneath:

Carolo Princ. Valliæ.

Nat. Die ultima.

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The chevalier generally comes abroad with three coaches, and his whole court consists of about forty persons. He lately assumed some authority at the opera, by calling *encore* to a song that pleased him and some others. After a considerable pause, this order was at last complied with. This is the only time he is known to have affected the least power; and a compliance of this sort is no more than what the claps of half a dozen of the spectators may at any time procure. Upon his coming into any assembly, no English protestant stands up, and even Roman catholics pay him their compliments very superficially. His pusillanimity and licentious amours certainly lessen him in the esteem of every person.

M. S——, who pretends to be an antiquarian, and has the title of a Polish counsellor of state, narrowly observes every step taken by the pretender and his adherents, and maintains a close correspondence with the British ministry. While the pretender continued at Bologna, he had hardly any news to send, and being himself no longer necessary, his remittances were likely to be withdrawn; but the pretender's return gave him an opportunity of continuing his services. The principal motives which induced the pretender to return to Rome were interest and necessity; which gave rise to an observation, that no stricter friendship could

could exist than that between the pretender and Mr. S——, neither of them being able to live without the other. The King of Great Britain is dreaded at Rome; notwithstanding the great distance of the two kingdoms, on account of his powerful fleets.

The pope, when considered as a temporal prince, has great influence on the affairs of Italy; and as those of Europe are often connected with them, he is sometimes under a necessity of treating with the British court: but, as this cannot be done in his own person, a third hand is employed to carry on the negotiations. This was formerly done by the cardinal for the imperial affairs at Rome; but, since the misunderstanding betwixt the courts of London and Vienna, by the cardinal protector of France.

[Dr. Smollet gives a more familiar and less favourable representation of Rome, both ancient and modern, than we are usually led to conceive of it. He observes—" Strangers that come to Rome seldom put up at public inns, but go directly to lodging-houses, of which there is great plenty in this quarter. The Piazza d'España is open, airy, and pleasantly situated in a high part of the city, immediately under the Colla Pinciana, and adorned with two fine fountains. Here most of the English reside: the apartments are generally commodious and well furnished; and the lodgers are well supplied with provisions and all necessaries of life. But if I studied œconomy, I would chuse another part of the town than the Piazza d'España, which is, beside, at a great distance from the antiquities. For a decent first floor and two bed chambers on the second, I paid a scudo (five shillings) per day. Our table was plentifully furnished by the landlord for two and thirty pauls, being equal to sixteen shillings. I hired a town coach at the rate of fourteen pauls, or seven shillings a day; and a *servitore di piazza* for three pauls, or eighteenpence. The coachman has also an allowance of two pauls a day. The provisions at Rome are reasonable and

and good, especially the vitella mongana, which is the most delicate veal I ever tasted, but very dear, being sold for two pauls, or a shilling the pound. Here are the rich wines of Montepulciano, Montefiascone, and Monte di Dragone; but what we commonly drink at meals is that of orvieto, a small white wine of an agreeable flavour. Strangers are generally advised to employ an antiquarian to instruct them in all the curiosities of Rome; and this is a necessary expence, when a person wants to become a connoisseur in painting, statuary, and architecture. For my own part, I had no such ambition. I longed to view the remains of antiquity by which this metropolis is distinguished; and to contemplate the originals of many pictures and statues, which I had admired in prints and descriptions. I therefore chose a servant, who was recommended to me as a sober intelligent fellow, acquainted with these matters: at the same time I furnished myself with maps and plans of ancient and modern Rome, together with the little manual, called *Itinerario istruttivo per retrovare con facilità tutte le magnificenze di Roma e di alcune città, e castelli suburbani*. But I found still more satisfaction in perusing the book in three volumes, intitled, *Roma antica, e moderna*, which contains a description of every thing remarkable in and about the city, illustrated with a great number of copper-plates, and many curious historical annotations. This directory cost me a zequine; but a hundred zequines will not purchase all the books on these subjects.

Dr. Smollet farther remarks,—"Our young gentlemen who go to Rome will do well to be upon their guard against a set of sharpers, (some of them of our own country) who deal in pictures and antiques, and very often impose upon the uninformed stranger, by selling him trash, as the productions of the most celebrated artists. The English are more than any other foreigners exposed to this imposition. They are supposed to have more money to throw away;

and therefore a greater number of snares are laid for them. This opinion of their superior wealth they take a pride in confirming, by launching out into all manner of unnecessary expence: but what is still more dangerous, the moment they set foot in Italy, they are seized with the ambition of becoming connoisseurs in painting, music, statuary, and architecture; and the adventurers of this country do not fail to flatter this weakness for their own advantage. I have seen in different parts of Italy, a number of raw boys, whom Britain seemed to have poured forth on purpose to bring her national character into contempt: ignorant, petulant, rash, and profligate, without any knowledge or experience of their own, without any director to improve their understanding, or superintend their conduct. One engages in play with an infamous gamester, and is stripped, perhaps, in the very first partie; another is poked and pillaged by an antiquated cantatrice; a third is bubbled by a knavish antiquarian; and a fourth is laid under contribution by a dealer in pictures. Some turn fiddlers, and pretend to compose: but all of them talk familiarly of the arts, and return finished connoisseurs and coxcombs to their own country. When you arrive at Rome, you receive cards from all your country-folks in that city: they expect to have the visit returned next day, when they give orders not to be at home; and you never speak to one another in the sequel. This is a refinement in hospitality and politeness, which the English have invented by the strength of their own genius, without any assistance either from France, Italy, or Lapland. No Englishman above the degree of a painter or cicerone frequents any coffee-house at Rome; and as there are no public diversions except in carnival-time, the only chance you have for seeing your compatriots, is either in visiting the curiosities, or at a conversazione. The Italians are very scrupulous in admitting foreigners, except those who are introduced

as people of quality : but if there happens to be any English lady of fashion at Rome, she generally keeps an assembly, to which the British subjects resort.—

Nothing can be more agreeable to the eyes of a stranger, especially in the heats of summer, than the great number of public fountains that appear in every part of Rome, embellished with all the ornaments of sculpture, and pouring forth prodigious quantities of cool delicious water, brought in aqueducts from different lakes, rivers, and sources, at a considerable distance from the city. These works are the remains of the munificence and industry of the ancient Romans, who were extremely delicate in the article of water : but, however, great applause is also due to those beneficent popes, who have been at the expence of restoring and repairing those noble channels of health, pleasure, and convenience. This great plenty of water, nevertheless, has not induced the Romans to be cleanly. Their streets, and even their palaces, are disgraced with filth. The noble Piazza Navona is adorned with three or four fountains, one of which is perhaps the most magnificent that Europe can produce, and all of them discharge vast streams of water : but, notwithstanding this provision, the piazza is almost as dirty as West-Smithfield, where cattle are sold in London. The corridors, arcades, and even stair-cases belonging to their most elegant palaces, are depositories of nastiness ; and, indeed, in summer, smell as strong as spirit of hartshorn. I have a great notion that their ancestors were not much more cleanly. If we consider that the city and suburbs of Rome, in the reign of Claudius, contained about seven millions of inhabitants, a number equal at least to the sum total of all the souls in England ; that great part of ancient Rome was allotted to temples, porticos, basilicæ, theatres, thermæ, circi, public and private walks, and gardens, where very few, if any, of this great number lodged ; that by far the greater part of those

inhabitants were slaves, and poor people who did not enjoy the conveniencies of life; and that the use of linen was scarcely known; we must naturally conclude they were strangely crowded together, and that in general they were a very frowzy generation. That they were crowded together appears from the height of their houses, which the poet Rutilius compared to towers made for scaling heaven. In order to remedy this inconvenience, Augustus Cæsar published a decree, that for the future no houses should be built above seventy feet high, which, at a moderate computation, might make six stories. But what seems to prove, beyond all dispute, that the ancient Romans were dirty creatures, are these two particulars. Vespasian laid a tax upon urine and ordure, on pretence of being at a great expence in clearing the streets from such nuisances; an imposition which amounted to about fourteen pence a year for every individual; and when Heliogabalus ordered all the cobwebs of the city and suburbs to be collected, they were found to weigh ten thousand pounds. This was intended as a demonstration of the great number of inhabitants; but it was a proof of their dirt, rather than of their populousity. I might likewise add the delicate custom of taking vomits at each other's houses, when they were invited to dinner or supper; a beastly proof of their nastiness as well as gluttony. Horace, in his description of the banquet of Nasiedenus, says, when the canopy under which they sat fell down, it brought along with it as much dirt as is raised by a hard gale of wind in dry weather.

———“*trahentia pulveris atris,*
Quantum non aquilo Campanis excitat agris.”

I might observe that the streets were often encumbered with the putrifying carcases of criminals, who had been dragged through them by the heels, and precipitated

precipitated from the *Scalæ Geminæ*, or Tarpeian rock, before they were thrown into the Tiber, which was the general receptacle of the *cloaca maxima*, and all the filth of Rome. Beside, the bodies of all those who made away with themselves, without sufficient cause; of such as were condemned for sacrilege, or killed by thunder, were left unburned and unburied to rot above ground.”—

I believe the moderns retain more of the customs of the ancient Romans, than is generally imagined. When I first saw the infants at the *enfants trouvés* in Paris; so swathed with bandages, that the very sight of them made my eyes water; I little dreamed, that the prescription of the ancients could be pleaded for this custom, equally shocking and absurd: but, in the capitol at Rome, I met with the antique statue of a child *emilloté*, exactly in the same manner; rolled up like an Ægyptian mummy from the feet. The circulation of the blood, in such a case, must be obstructed on the whole surface of the body; and nothing at liberty but the head, which is the only part of the child that ought to be confined. Is it not surprising that common sense should not point out, even to the most ignorant, that those accursed bandages must heat the tender infant into a fever; and must hinder the action of the muscles and the play of the joints, so necessary to health and nutrition!—

It is diverting to hear an Italian expatiate upon the greatness of modern Rome. He will tell you there are above three hundred palaces in the city; that there is scarce a Roman prince whose revenue does not exceed two hundred thousand crowns; and that Rome produces not only the most learned men, but also the most refined politicians in the universe. To one of them, talking in this strain, I replied, that instead of three hundred palaces, the number did not exceed fourscore; that I had been informed, on good authority, there were not six individuals in Rome who had so much as forty thousand crowns a year,

about ten thousand pounds sterling; and that to say their princes were so rich, and their politicians so refined, was in effect a severe satire upon them, for not employing their wealth and their talents for the advantage of their country. I asked why their cardinals and princes did not invite and encourage industrious people to settle and cultivate the Campania of Rome, which is a desert? Why they did not raise a subscription to drain the marshes in the neighbourhood of the city, and thus meliorate the air, which is rendered extremely unwholesome in the summer, by putrid exhalations from those morasses? I demanded of them, why they did not contribute their wealth, and exert their political refinements, in augmenting their forces by sea and land, for the defence of their country, introducing commerce and manufactures, and in giving some consequence to their state, which was no more than a mite in the political scale of Europe? I expressed a desire to know what became of all those sums of money, inasmuch as there was hardly any circulation of gold and silver in Rome, and the very bankers on whom strangers have their credit, make interest to pay their tradesmen's bills with paper notes of the bank of Spirito Santo? And now I am upon this subject, it may not be amiss to observe, that I was strangely misled by all the books I consulted about the current coin of Italy. In Tuscany, and the ecclesiastical state, one sees nothing but zequines in gold, and pieces of two paoli, one paolo, and half a paolo, in silver. Beside these, there is a copper coin at Rome, called bajocco, and mezzo bajocco. Ten bajocchi make a scudo, which is an imaginary piece; two scudi make a zequine; and a French *louis d'or* is worth about two zequines.

Rome has nothing to fear from the catholic powers, who respect it with a superstitious veneration, as the metropolitan seat of their religion: but the popes will do well to avoid misunderstandings with the maritime Protestant states, especially the English, who
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being masters of the Mediterranean, and in possession of Minorca, have it in their power at all times, to land a body of troops within four leagues of Rome, and to take the city without opposition. Rome is surrounded with an old wall, but altogether incapable of defence. Or if it was, the circuit of the walls is so extensive, that it would require a garrison of twenty thousand men. The only appearance of a fortification in this city, is the castle of St. Angelo, situated on the further bank of the Tyber, to which there is access by a handsome bridge; but this castle, which was formerly the *moles Adriani*, could not hold out half a day against a battery of ten pieces of cannon properly directed. It was an expedient left to the invention of the modern Romans, to convert an ancient tomb into a citadel.”——

Mr. Sharpe does not represent Rome in a much more advantageous light than Dr. Smollet, though their accounts greatly confirm the testimony of each other.——

“ We passed, says Mr. Sharpe, the Campania of Rome, the unwholsomeness of which is held in such horror, that no foreigner, nor any Italian, if he can possibly avoid it, lies on the road there. Accordingly it will be conceived, there is very indifferent accommodation in the Campania, on which account, we found it necessary to keep our post-horses all night at a shabby inn, half-way to the post-house, before you arrive at the Campania, as preferring dirty beds and dirty provisions, to no beds, no provision, and a pestilential climate. The Romans, when they travel post on this road, usually set out from Rome early enough to reach Terni the first evening; or, if they must lie one night in the Campania, when the days are short, it is at Castel-Nuovo, a little above thirty miles from Rome. It grieves one to behold so fine a country as the Campania might be made, by a plentiful population, now almost a waste and barren desert. There is a part of the road within twenty

miles of Rome exceedingly well paved with large stones of flat surfaces; but the grass rises betwixt their interstices; so little is now trodden that path which leads to the city of Rome, once so mighty, so populous, and so frequented.—

A man, on his first arrival at Rome, is not much fired with its appearance; the narrowness of the streets, the thinness of the inhabitants, the prodigious quantity of monks and beggars, give but a gloomy aspect to this renowned city. There are no rich tradesmen here, who, by their acquisitions, either ennoble their sons, or marry their daughters into the houses of princes. All the shops seem empty, and the shopkeepers poor; not one hackney-coach in so large a town, a notable proof there is no middle station betwixt those who always ride, and those who always walk. This is the first impression; but turn your eye from this point of view, to the magnificence of their churches, to the venerable remains of ancient Rome, to the prodigious collection of pictures, and antique statues, to the very river and ground itself, formerly the habitation of that people, which from our cradles we have been taught to adore, and, with a very few grains of enthusiasm in your composition, you will feel more than satisfied.

The surface of modern Rome is certainly more elevated than it was in ancient times; such an alteration must happen in the course of ages, to every city which has been often destroyed by time and fire, as all the rubbish is seldom removed; but the ancient pavement in which Trajan's pillar stands, shews the elevation in that place not to be above seven or eight feet; and, I am informed, some of the triumphal arches are not above three or four feet in the ground. The Tarpeian rock is still of such a height, that, should a man be thrown from it, his bones would be in the greatest danger, though there would be no certainty of breaking his neck; nor, indeed, would it be certain, though the rock were ten or fifteen feet

feet higher, as some have supposed it in the time of the Romans, when this kind of execution was in vogue : I should imagine, therefore, they had some method of dispatching the delinquent, when death did not immediately ensue from the fall ; perhaps an executioner was at the foot of the rock, ready to give the *coup-de-grace* in case of that event, which, I imagine, would often happen, though the rock had been of twice its present height. Men, in falling from high places, are sometimes killed on the spot ; but more frequently languish a considerable time before death. I conclude, therefore, from these considerations, that there is no greater alteration in the site of Rome than what I have mentioned. The most remarkable change is this, that the *Campus Martius* was, in the time of the ancient Romans, an open area, and now it is covered with houses.——

Were an antiquarian to lament over any fall, any metamorphosis of ancient Rome, perhaps it might be the present state of the Forum, where now there is, every Thursday and Friday, a market for cows and oxen, on the very spot where the Roman orators were accustomed to thunder out their eloquence in the cause of their clients, their country, and their gods : accordingly, the Forum now is known by the name of *Campo Vaccino*.

Surrounding the Forum are many vestiges of antique grandeur ; triumphal arches, remains of temples, the ruins of the imperial palace, the Campidoglio, &c. all bespeaking the magnificent state of Rome in the times of the emperors. The great amphitheatre called also *Il Colosse*, where the spectacle of combats was exhibited, is also in its neighbourhood. In this place the spirit of modern Rome seems to prevail over that of ancient Rome ; for where the wild beasts and gladiators formerly entertained seventy or eighty thousand spectators, you now see a few miserable old women and beggars, who are praying at the feet

feet of fourteen small chapels, which represent the fourteen mysteries of our Saviour's passion.—

I am now, continues Mr. Sharpe, where the sovereign is a priest; at a time of the year too, when the priesthood displays all its pomp; and I assure you, it is a trial for the patience of reason. We very well know, from the history of the church, what tyrants they have been formerly, before the laity dared to assume the prerogatives of civil liberty: and, that they do not yet abate one jot of their presumption, you may learn from a passage or two I lately met with, in a book printed at Naples, since the commencement of the present century. Believe my candor and veracity, when I give you my word, that I do not strain the sense in the translation.— In a chapter upon the article of confessors, the author (a priest) says, “A confessor partakes both of the nature of God and of man; with God, he is a man; with man, he is God.”——Again, “Jesus Christ, to absolve man, suffered infinite agonies, and even death itself; whilst a confessor, by only lifting up his hands, acquits the guilty sinner.”

The pope and his council have come to a resolution, upon the death of the pretender, to have no more concern in this business, and not only do not acknowledge the title of the present pretender, but have forbidden all the princes and cardinals here to visit him; so that he sees only two or three friends, and leads a recluse and melancholy life. We this morning saw him at St. Peter's church; he came there, attended by three gentlemen and seven servants, to pay his devotions: there was hardly one in the church but ourselves, so that we had the opportunity of examining his person and behaviour very minutely. When I first saw him on his knees, I felt some compunction, which went off by degrees, as I became more certain, from his gestures, of the extreme bigotry and superstitious turn of his mind.

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After he had prayed at one altar (for it was not to hear mass) he walked to another, and prayed a second time, kneeling in both places on the hard pavement. I never saw any one more steadfast in prayer than he appeared, not allowing his eyes to wander one moment from either the altar, the ground, or the book in his hand. During this transaction, reason superseded my pity, and I felt a kind of exultation in reflecting we were not under the dominion of a prince so fond of images and hierarchy. Now I have seen him before the Virgin Mary, I can believe all that was said of his gross attachment to popery, when he was with us in 1745. His revenues are said to be very strait, not exceeding four thousand pounds a year. His stature is very elegant; but his face is a little bloated and pimpled, as if he had drank too much, a vice laid to his charge, but, perhaps, without good grounds. I am told, his brother the cardinal, resents the conduct of this court more than he himself does; perhaps as his heart is more set upon propagating the true faith in the realms of Great Britain; for, however enthusiastic the prince, as he was called, may be in his persuasion, the cardinal is much more so; and possibly he may think his brother deprived of all hopes by this step. I have had some conversation with a very sensible ecclesiastic here, who knows every thing which passes, both in the pope's and the pretender's palace. I asked what name the pretender goes by at present? to which he could hardly give an answer, as he says they so strictly observe the prohibition not to stile him king, that he is never mentioned; or if, by chance, they are obliged to speak of him, it is under the absurd appellation of Prince of Wales."——

Rome has not been in such a political uproar these last fifty years as at this present juncture. One would imagine his holiness had the promise of Peter's pence once more from our side of the water, so devoted does he seem to the court of England; last Wednesday,

day, he banished from Rome four heads of colleges here, for having admitted mass to be said before the pretender under the title of king: but without a compliment to England, it was incumbent on the pope, in support of his edict and prerogative, to make an example of the offenders. The interest of the Stuart family, by length of time, seems to be almost worn out in the court of Rome; and at this instant, the power of England is considered to be so respectable, that, it is affirmed and believed, the council were unanimous in refusing to acknowledge Mr. Stuart's pretensions, and, in consequence of this refusal, to give out an ordinance prohibition to the cardinals, princes, &c. forbidding them to see him, but as a private gentleman; which, in other words, is the same as to declare, he shall keep no company but that of his domestics. It is said, the measures would not have been so severe, had not the cardinal of York behaved, on this occasion, with so unseasonable an obstinacy. It is thought the pretender himself would have acquiesced and waited for better times; but the cardinal has been, and continues to be furious; a little more indignation and disloyalty will certainly drive both the brothers from this asylum. The cardinal, in a memorial he delivered to his holiness, praying him to acknowledge his brother's title, amongst other arguments, advances that he has nothing to fear from the power of the English; for that the present race of Italians are not degenerated in the least from their ancestors, the ancient Romans. I do not know how the allegation will affect Englishmen; but, I assure you, the Italians themselves laugh aloud, when they are told the story; so ridiculous does the expression appear in their eyes.—

You will conclude from this account, that, for the future, the Stuarts will be a disagreeable weight on the pope's shoulders; and that, if the pretender have the least spirit of a man in him, he will bid adieu to

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Rome, and rather take sanctuary in Constantinople, amongst Mahometans, than remain in a city amongst papists, for whose tenets his family have forfeited three such glorious kingdoms."——It is time now to return to Mr. Keyser.]

- Young travellers who have generally the least taste for learning, arts and sciences, meet with so many things in Rome to attract their curiosity, that they may pass away their time without having recourse to frivolous diversions, debaucheries, or idle company. The variety of objects daily seen here afford sufficient topics for conversation in coffee-houses and taverns; so that double entendres, which often prove of more prejudice to youth than gross obscenity, are not so frequent here as in France. The natural temper of the inhabitants greatly contributes to this; for allowing the Italians to exceed other nations in voluptuousness, and particularly in some detestable vices, yet they observe more secrecy, and never publish their own infamy, as is common in France, till their passions are subsided by time, and experience has taught them better. In France, they have even the effrontery to boast of *bonnes fortunes*, as the term is, which never fell to their share; and topics of this kind are carried to great lengths in public companies, and even the ladies are solicitous to indulge a strain of pleasantry on these subjects. For it must be remembered, that most of them would rather be thought to want virtue than wit. Young travellers are so taken with this gay humour, that they imagine it the principal accomplishment they are to acquire in France; and even at Rome, those who come from Paris are as readily known as a bird by its note. But I will take upon me to affirm, that the general conversation at Rome is less offensive than in other large cities; and I have met here with several persons well versed in the arts and sciences, who often gave rise to useful and entertaining disquisitions. But they generally are productive of two parties; the one giving the pre-

preference to the curious pieces of antiquity still extant in painting, sculpture, and architecture, and the other to those executed by modern artists. The controversy never extends to other sciences.

The parish-churches, in the Roman Catholic parts of Christendom, were, in the pontificate of Paul IV. computed at two hundred and forty-eight thousand, and the convents at forty-four thousand. And, as succeeding ages have rather increased than diminished the number of these structures, it is natural to conclude that Rome, being the residence of the visible head of the Roman Catholic church, must be crowded with churches, in proportion to the number of its inhabitants. It would not be an easy task to give a catalogue of all the convents, chapels, oratories, hospitals, seminaries, &c. in Rome, beside eighty-two parish-churches: it will therefore be sufficient to mention those only which more especially deserve attention.

The church of St. John de Lateran is one of the four churches enjoined to be visited in the *annus sanctus*, or year of jubilee; and on that account, here is a gate walled up, which, at the commencement of the jubilee, is opened by the cardinal archpriest. This door or gate is easily distinguished by the gilt brass crucifix upon it; but something smaller than that of St. Peter's church. The bronze gates, at the entrance, belonged formerly to an ancient temple of Saturn in the Roman Forum, but since converted into a church, and dedicated to St. Adrian.

Plenary indulgences on the feast of St. John the Baptist, are to be had here for twenty-nine thousand years. In the middle isle of the church stand twelve large statues of the apostles, each of them formed out of a single block of white marble, and executed by the best masters. These statues are separated from each other by two noble pillars of verde antico, over which are basso relievos, and above these several pictures of the prophets. The image of our Saviour
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in mosaic work, said to have escaped the flames of several fires untouched, is placed over the gallery; and it was pretended that it was irradiated with a glory at the consecration of this church, which hath one part of its name from that of St. John the Baptist, and the other from the Roman martyr Plantius Lateranus, put to death by Nero, who had a garden here. It is however dedicated to our Saviour. Here are likewise two statues, said to be the first that ever were made of St. Peter and St. Paul. And another in a kneeling attitude, with a manly face, wrinkled with age, but no beard; is supposed by some to be pope Joan, and by others Nicholas IV. It is represented in a papal crown, and done in white marble. On the high altar is a smaller table of wood, on which St. Peter is said to have read mass. At present none but the pope officiates there, unless by virtue of a written licence from his holiness; and this is only granted for one mass. The relics that are kept in this papal altar, are the heads of St. Peter and Paul; the hair and garment of the Virgin Mary; the linen towel with which Christ wiped his disciples feet, after washing them; his purple robe, which is sprinkled with his blood; the cloth that covered his face in the sepulchre; some of the blood and water which flowed from his side; and a fragment of the barley bread, wherewith he fed five thousand men.

On the altar Del SS. Sacramento, is a tabernacle, composed of several precious stones, finished by that great artist Pomp. Targoni, who contrived the famous dyke at Rochelle, and immortalised his name for his great proficiency in several arts. Before this altar are four fluted pillars of brass gilt, and four others of the Corinthian order, of green and white marble, on the altar-piece. The former are said to be taken out of the temple at Jerusalem by Titus Vespasian, and brought to Rome. Others allege, that Augustus had them cast out of the brass Rostra of the ships taken from Cleopatra and Mark Anthony.

shony. While others believe they were brought by Sylla from the temple of Jupiter Olympicus in Asia; and others, that Domitian cast them to adorn the capitol. But, be this as it will, they are said to be filled with holy earth, out of the sepulchre of Christ, sent from Jerusalem by Helena, the mother of Constantine the Great.

In the chapel of St. Thomas are preserved two boards of the ark of the covenant; they are indeed so much decayed by time, that one cannot tell what wood they are, nor how they came to be deposited in this place. Here is also shewn a table of odoriferous wood, on which Christ is said to have instituted his last supper. It seems to have been formerly covered with silver, for several studs of that metal, here and there, are still remaining in it. The table itself is so small, that it will hardly contain two persons on each side. Some, indeed, affirm the table had originally two leaves, which folded on one another. But, after all, I think it might as well have been let alone, as it is evidently too small for the above purpose. They also shew here the rods of Moses and Aaron. A piece of the latter is likewise shewn at St. Vitti's church, in Prague; and the Sainte Chapelle, at Paris, glories in having the rod of the former entire. All these relics are, at any time, shewn in the Lateran church for three paoli; but, on Holy Thursday and St. Thomas's day, they are publicly exhibited. Notwithstanding above twenty popes are interred in this church, two monuments are erected only to their memory; one to that of Martin V. of the Colonna family; and the other to Alexander III. of the family of Pandinella.

From the sacristy is a passage to the cloisters of the convent, which, on the side toward the inner court, is decorated with an elegant variety of small white marble pillars. At one end is an altar, ornamented with antique mosaic pillars; and through the marble leaf of it is a round hole, said to remove all doubts
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of transubstantiation; for any priest, who, through unbelief or ignorance, should reconsecrate an host already consecrated, he would soon be convinced of his error, by that individual host escaping his hands, falling through this aperture, and sticking on a pillar beneath the altar, in the form of a spot of blood.

Here is likewise a large porphyry pillar, said to be the very same on which the cock stood and crowed when St. Peter denied his master. They also shew the pillar on which the standards were fixed, when sentence was pronounced on Christ; together with a fine table of porphyry, on which the soldiers threw the dice for our Saviour's garment. But the most valuable curiosity here is the coffin of St. Helena, the mother of Constantine, formed out of one single piece of porphyry, decorated with large basso-relievos of horsemen, and several other figures. I must not pass over in silence those chairs or stools in the gallery, called *Selle Stercorariæ*, or *Exploratoriæ*. Why they are placed here I do not pretend to know. They are two in number, and between them is a chair of white marble, something higher than the other; both are of porphyry, or rather of *pietra egizzia rossa*, a species of Egyptian stone, neither so beautiful nor so hard as porphyry. One has a round arm or elbow; but that of the other is broken off. Before I had seen them, abbot Bencini of Turin assured me, that they are no other than the common chairs of the ancient Romans, in which a hole had been made, and lined with wood, as more proper for the purpose, by reason of the coldness of the stone; but on viewing them, I did not find them at all adapted to that purpose. Neither could they serve for close-stools, the back aperture being too small and incommodiouly placed. Perhaps they were used in bagnios, and fires put under them for fumigation; but this conjecture is exploded by Marelius. In my travels I have met with divers chairs of aniquity, but none which had any resemblance to these. That the popes, formerly,

at their taking possession of the Lateran church, were placed in one of these stools or chairs, their writers themselves allow; and Mabillon alleges, that it was done as an act of humility, alluding to the words sung at this ceremony, *Suscitat de pulvere egenum, Et de stercore erigit pauperem, ut sedeat cum principibus, Et solium gloriæ teneat*: "He raises the needy from the dust, and the poor from the dunghill, that they may sit with princes, and possess a throne of glory." Hence these chairs were called *sella stercorariæ*. This opinion is supported by Bellarmine and Chementellius; the latter indeed has the assurance even to deny that there is any aperture at all through the seat. The indecent examination of the pope's sex, which some have so merrily described, may perhaps be fabulous; but it was not first propagated by Protestants. It came originally from the Roman Catholics themselves, who often used it in their satires against their pontiffs.

The history or fable of pope Joan, was well known before Luther was in being, as is evident from the manuscripts of Anastasius Bibliothecarius and Martinus Polonus: the testimony of the latter I found in an old book, in the library at Utrecht; and also in another, formerly belonging to the abbey of St. Bavo, at Ghent, and now in the city library of Haerlem; where he says that he exactly transcribed this chronicle from the Florentine library.

In the square before this church and palace is a beautiful fountain, and the largest obelisk in all Rome, being, without the pedestal, and the large iron cross on the top of it, an hundred and twelve feet high; two of the sides nine feet and an half wide, and the other two eight feet at the base. It was formerly of one entire block of *pietra egizzia*, or red granate, and stood in the *circus maximus*, but was ruined in the hostile commotions of war, and broken into three pieces. However, Sixtus V. in the year 1588, had the pieces brought hither, and re-erected by Fontana. The Egyptian



Egyptian hieroglyphics on it afford room for many speculative conjectures among the learned.

On the other side of this square is the Lateran hospital, a noble structure, in which are, at all times, several hundred sick, of both sexes, in divers wards, and the greatest care taken of them. Here is also the *Scala Sancta*, or stairs which Christ so often ascended and descended in the house of Pontius Pilate, before he was crucified. This relic is said to have been sent by the devout Helena from Jerusalem to Rome; and that it lay unregarded in the old palace of the Lateran, till Sixtus V. who ordered it to be placed in a regular building, erected on purpose by Fontana. The front of it has five doors, the entrance to so many stairs; the two on each side has thirty steps of free-stone, but those in the center, as being the most holy, are of white marble, and contain twenty-eight stairs; which, by the frequent ascending and descending of pious persons, are worn to that degree, that they have been obliged to fix boards over them; for, without this caution, those stairs would have been soon worn through. They are not ascended with the feet, but the knees only, and therefore may be said to have been kneeled through. They descend by the side-stairs, on which they are permitted to step. They repeat, on each step of the *scala sancta*, a *pater noster* and an *ave Maria*; by which means, an indulgence for three years and forty days is obtained. At the top of these stairs is the *Sanctum Sanctorum*, being a small chapel, in which the chief relics of the Lateran palace are deposited. The chief of these is the *εἰκὼν ἀχειροποιήτων*, or picture of our Saviour, begun by St. Luke, but finished by angels, whence it is said not to have been performed by the hand of man. It is painted on a board of palm-wood, and is framed with plates of silver set with jewels, having before it a plate of crystal. No person who scruples to pay the required adoration to this picture can obtain a sight of it; nor are any women ever ad-

mitted beyond the iron grate, behind which it is kept. Mahomet, by placing his women before the windows of paradise, has shewn the same severity toward a sex, not esteemed deficient in devotion.

From a catalogue of these relics, I have extracted the following: 1. Several pieces of stone from the mountains of Golgotha, Sinai, and the Mount of Olives. 2. A piece of the stone of the sepulchre of our Saviour, on which the angel sat. 3. Several of the bones of the holy innocents. 4. A variety of missal garments, made by angels. 5. A napkin used by our Saviour at his last supper. 6. A large piece of the sponge on which the vinegar was offered to Christ on the cross. 7. The chair in which he sat at eating the paschal lamb. 8. Some napkins, with which the angels wiped the sweat from the face of St. Laurence, as he was broiling. These, and many other relics, are deposited under the high altar, in the *Sanctum Sanctorum*, on the architrave of which is this pentameter verse:

Non est in toto sanctior orbe locus.

“ No place in the whole world is more holy.”

This altar is looked upon as so holy, that even the pope himself is not permitted to officiate at it; there being two chapels contiguous to this for that purpose, as is observed by Sorefinus, in his book of the *scala sancta*.

In St. Maria sopra Minerva, the formidable court of inquisition, which is detested even by all rational Roman Catholics themselves, is held every Wednesday. The general of the Dominican order always presides there, next to the bishops. Three congregations of the holy office sit every week; the first in the palace of the inquisition; the second at Alla Minerva, where the processes are regularly digested, to be laid before his holiness at the third meeting,

ing, which is held at the palace where the pope resides. The number of cardinal-inquisitors is not fixed; sometimes there are twelve or more: these are assisted by several divines and officers; but they are not so strict in Italy as in Spain and Portugal; the Italians not being so weak as to intrust them with such absolute power. Their rigour is remarkably abated toward foreigners, those belonging to cardinals, and such as are under the protection of foreign ministers.

The palace of the inquisition, together with the prison of those unhappy persons who fall under its displeasure, is in another part of the city, not far from St. Peter's. But what passes within the walls of that structure, is as little known at Rome, as the transactions of the seraglio are at Constantinople. Boards are placed before most of the windows, like those in a great many nunneries.

The blessing and cursing of printed books likewise depend chiefly on the Dominicans: the *Maestro del Sacro Palazzo*, without whose permission no book is to be printed, nor read when prohibited, together with the secretary of the congregation *dell' Indice*, of whom a licence must be obtained for reading a prohibited book, even out of the jurisdiction of the city of Rome; being both of this order. The council of Trent first published an *index librorum prohibitorum*, or a catalogue of prohibited books, and of the dangerous passages in others permitted to be read. This is now continued from time to time by the *Congregatio Indices*.

Il Sagro Monte della Pietà was instituted to prevent the extortions of usurers, by which the distressed of the poor are so extremely aggravated in other countries. Here you receive two thirds of the value of the pledge; and, if it does not exceed thirty scudi, or crowns, no interest is paid; but if more, two per cent. only. If the pledge is not redeemed in eighteen months, it is publicly sold, and the overplus reserved

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its longest diameter, from the beginning of the colonade to the front of the church, is four hundred paces. Some prints represent a colonade directly facing the church; but there is, in fact, no such thing; the area being clear and open to the entrance of the church. This colonade consists of three hundred and twenty pillars, of Tivoli free-stone, which are so large that three men can hardly fathom them. On the roof, which is flat, stand eighty-six statues of saints, all of them twice as big as life, and designed by Bernini. The area is adorned with two stately fountains; and in the center stands that vast obelisk, formerly belonging to Nero's palace, near this place. This lofty obelisk was first dedicated to the sun by Sesostris king of Egypt; and in the time of Caligula, brought to Rome in a very large ship, the dimensions of which are described by Pliny, lib. xvi. cap. 40. Its four sides terminate at the top in an obtuse angle; neither is it embellished with hieroglyphics generally seen on Egyptian obelisks. The weight of it is said to be nine hundred and ninety-two thousand seven hundred and eighty-six pounds; and its height eighty feet, exclusive of the base. It was erected by Fontana, under pope Sixtus V. who, in all other respects, was a great benefactor to the city of Rome. In order to raise this obelisk out of the ground, where it had been, as it were, buried, Fontana contrived forty-one machines, with iron rollers and large ropes. All the powers of these machines were applied at once, by means of eight hundred men, and a hundred and sixty horses. This could not be effected in less than eight days; and to bring the obelisk to the place where it now stands, though only three hundred paces from the spot where it lay, was a labour of four months; but the greatest proof of Fontana's skill in mechanics was displayed on the 10th of September, 1586, when this stupendous mass was raised by means of his machines, which consisted of fifty-two powers; all which were at once applied

by particular signals, of sounding a trumpet and striking a bell. Being raised to a proper height, it was fixed on its basis amidst the acclamations of the people, ringing of bells, and the discharge of the cannon at St. Angelo's castle.

Fontana, if we may credit report, by confiding too much in his calculations of the power of his machines, had almost totally miscarried; the ropes having stretched much more than he expected, whereby the obelisk could not be raised high enough to be fixed on the pedestal. During this perplexity, an obscure person is said to have called out to the engineers to wet the ropes, which being accordingly done, the obelisk was raised the height desired. Fontana completed this work (the expence of which amounted to thirty-seven thousand nine hundred and seventy-five scudi, or crowns, exclusive of the crucifix and pedestal) in six months. It is fixed on the backs of four lions, without any cement, its own enormous weight being abundantly sufficient. The lions are of bronze gilt, and placed on the pedestal. The foundation is very broad and deep, and consists entirely of small pieces of brick, tiles, and flint, cemented together with very strong mortar. The cross on the top is of brass gilt, seven feet high; and in it, they say, is contained a piece of the true wood of the real cross: and whoever, in passing by it, says a *Pater-noster* and *Ave Maria*, for the prosperity of the Romish see, is intitled to an indulgence of ten years and ten times forty days.

Several medals, struck on this occasion, are laid in the foundation; the same was done by pope Alexander VII. on the 25th of April 1661, at laying the first stone of the colonade round the area.

The steps from the area to the portico of the church are called *Limina Apostolorum*; and it is said, that Charlemagne ascended them on his knees, when he was going to be crowned in St Peter's church. But Rome is not at present remarkable for observing ceremonies

remonies of this kind ; it is not indeed impossible but an old woman or two may be often seen practising such devotions, in order to secure a place in the happy mansions of eternity. On one side of these steps is the statue of St. Peter, and on the other that of St. Paul, both done by Minio di Fiesoli. At the top of these steps, before the entrance of the church, is a grand portico, which might, at any other place, be itself considered as a church ; being two hundred and sixteen feet in length, and forty in breadth. Four doors open into the church from this portico ; but the farthest, on the left-hand, is walled up, being opened only every twenty-fifth year, or that of jubilee, when the pope himself performs the ceremony with a hammer. The populace kiss the brass cross fastened on this door, with such devotion, that the lower part of it is become much paler than the other. No woman was formerly permitted to enter at the farthest door, on the left hand ; but they have, long since, repealed this absurd order.

The form of this superb and beautiful church is that of a Latin cross, and the proportion, with regard to the length, breadth, and height, so accurately observed, that the eye does not perceive any of these dimensions to be remarkably large, notwithstanding the whole, when taken together, is prodigious. The middle isle is about thirty-three common paces in breadth, and the whole length of the church two hundred and eighty-eight ; of which, the distance between the entrance and the center of the cupola is one hundred and eighty.

The whole length of the structure, according to a geometrical computation made by the chevalier Carlo Fontana, including the breadth of the portico and the thickness of the walls, is nine hundred and seventy Roman palms, or about seven hundred and twenty-two English feet. I shall here observe, once for all, that a Roman palm is eight inches and three lines.

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The famous temple built by Solomon, consisted of several large courts, and was profusely adorned with gold and silver; but the principal building was far from being equal to St. Peter's at Rome. The church of St. Paul in London is a grand piece of architecture, but far from being equal in dimensions to that of St. Peter; being, according to Chamberlain, six hundred and ninety English feet in length; and, according to Colin Campbell, in the first Volume of his *Vitruvius Britannicus*, which seems the most accurate mensuration, its length is no more than five hundred and twenty English feet: whereas, that of St. Peter, according to the same author, is six hundred and fifty English feet, exclusive of the portico; but, in both, the thickness of the walls is included. According to my own mensuration, St. Peter's is two hundred and eighty-eight common paces in length, and St. Paul's two hundred and twenty-two; and from the front to the center of the cupola, one hundred and twenty-four; the length of the cross isle, from the north to the south door, one hundred and fifteen; and, in other places, forty-six such paces: The diameter of the cupola fifty-three, and the circumference of the first gallery one hundred and fifty-six common paces. A wooden model of St. Peter's church is placed in one of the upper apartments of St. Paul's, but so inaccurately performed, that those, who from thence make a comparison between the two structures, will be wretchedly deceived.

But notwithstanding all the care that has been taken in erecting the church of St. Peter, it has, like all human performances, a mixture of defects; but instead of enumerating them, or examining whether all of them are justly founded, give me leave to refer to the introduction prefixed to Mr. Campbell's *Vitruvius Britannicus*.

The cupola of St. Peter is, by all, acknowledged to be a prodigy of art and grandeur; and, at a considerable distance, impresses on the mind a very magnificent

nificent idea of the city in which it is erected. The height, from the pavement of the church to the top of the cross, four hundred and thirty-two English feet; the circumference of the dome six hundred and twenty, and the inside diameter one hundred and forty three English feet, being equal to that of the Pantheon. I measured round the first gallery of the cupola, and found it two hundred and fourteen common paces.

This spacious dome was erected by the architects Jac. de la Porta and Dominico Fontana, during the pontificate of Sixtus V.; but the whole honour, both of the undertaking and design, is due to Michael Angelo. Some persons, praising the rotunda, an antique structure, as a work which the moderns would never be able to equal, that great artist replied, that he would not only build a dome of equal dimensions, but also erect it in the air; an assertion which he afterward fully performed. The designs for the mosaic ornaments in the cupola were drawn by Gioseppe d'Arpino, among which, those of the evangelists, in four large oval compartments, are particularly admired.

This wonderful specimen of human art is supported by four pillars, each ninety palms in diameter, and each adorned with a statue of white marble, twenty-two palms in height, exclusive of the pedestal. Bernini was severely censured for making the niches for these statues in the four pillars which support the cupola, and especially for the stairs, which are carried by their foundation to the *sacre grotte*, as they have all a great tendency to weaken the structure: and soon after, a fissure was discovered in the cupola, occasioned by a violent clap of thunder. Bernini was never remarkable for affability, so that it is not surprising he had few friends to oppose the torrent of popular clamour against his temerity, as the cause of this unhappy accident; and perhaps, his success in removing and erecting the superb obelisk

in the Piazza Navona, was the chief motive that saved his head. Michael Angelo, who drew the designs for this dome, was apprehensive of an accident of this kind; and therefore desired, with the greatest earnestness, that neither these four pillars, nor their foundations, should have the least alteration. How prudent it would have been to have followed that great man's advice, the unhappy consequences have too evidently demonstrated; as every lover of architecture must be concerned to see this fissure in so grand a structure, and which seems to approximate as near the summit of perfection as is possible for any of the works of mortals to arrive at. This fissure in the cupola was, in the year 1700, considerably enlarged by an earthquake; but its great height renders it scarcely discernible from the pavement of the church, unless you are previously informed of it; but, from the upper gallery, you will plainly see two large fissures or clefts opposite each other, and one of them covered with a cramp of iron four or five inches broad. A tribuna or gallery is erected over each of these statues, from whence, at some particular festivals, a great variety of relics, kept in a particular chapel, are exposed to public view.

In the vaults under the pedestals of each of the four statues is an altar, on which the principal actions of the saint, whose statue is placed over it, are represented in mosaic work, by Fabio Cristofori, after the designs drawn by the famous Andrea Sacchi. A flight of stairs leads down under these four altars to other subterranean vaults, full of excellent mosaic; wood and canvas being no proof against the dampness of the place. The mosaic, now placed in these subterraneous apartments, was formerly the pavement of the old church. These vaults are crowned with the tombs of saints, too sacred to be broken or removed, and are therefore inclosed with a wall, which renders it impossible to see any thing without a torch.

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The floor, they say, appears still the same as it did in the time of Constantine the Great, and consists of porphyry and other pieces of marble. Here was also interred Christina, queen of Sweden; and near her monument is a white marble statue of Christ, in the old Gothic taste; and on every side are the stone coffins of popes and cardinals, who flourished in former ages. Adrian IV. lies in a very large coffin made of a single piece of granite, brought out of Egypt at the same time with the Vatican obelisk, and supposed to be the largest of that kind and form in the world.

Directly under the center of the cupola is the *altare maggiore*, or high altar, which first attracts the eyes of the curious; and, according to the ancient custom, fronts the tribuna. So that, when the pope says mass, his face is always turned toward the east, or grand entrance. Over the altar is a canopy of gilt bronze, embellished with four angels and a crucifix, supported by four large twisted pillars of brass, cast by Gregorio Rossi, from a design of Bernini. Their weight is ten thousand and fifty pounds. The medal from whence they were cast, formerly covered the dome of the Pantheon. The four pedestals are of marble, finely executed by Francisco Fiammingo.

[According to Dr. Smollet,—"the altar of St. Peter's choir, notwithstanding all the ornaments which have been lavished upon it, is no more than a heap of puerile finery, better adapted to an Indian pagod, than to a temple built upon the principles of the Greek architecture. The four colossal figures that support the chair, are both clumsy and disproportioned. The drapery of statues, whether in brass or stone, when thrown into large masses, appears hard and unpleasant to the eye; and for that reason the ancients always imitated wet linen, which exhibiting the shape of the limbs underneath, and hanging in a multiplicity of folds, gives an air of lightness, softness, and ductility to the whole. These two statues weigh 116257 pounds, and as they sustain nothing but

marble, each supported by two angels of white marble. Each vessel, as well as the angel which supports it, is of an entire piece. The work is large, beautiful, and finely executed by Augustino Cornachini.

St. Peter's church contains about 180 large pillars of marble. Innocent X. incrustated the square pillars with red marble, and adorned them with medallions of the popes, executed in white marble, together with doves of the same stone in basso-relievo, having green branches in their bills, the arms of that pontiff. The pavement is entirely of marble, and in the church are twenty-nine altars. The neatness and order in which every thing in this church is kept, are remarkable; on the least appearance of any dust, either on the walls or cieling, persons are drawn up in a machine for that purpose, to take it away; so that the whole fabric has the appearance of one just finished. They do not think it sufficient to take away the dust by brushes or beesoms, but wipe the several parts with pieces of linen, whereby they are effectually cleaned, and at the same time the work in no danger of being hurt: fifty persons are constantly employed in this office. As they are so very careful to keep every part of this structure clean, I could not help wondering that birds are suffered to fly about in it, especially pigeons, of which I saw several. I will not, however, pretend to determine, whether this was owing to the difficulty of catching them, or a superstitious regard for that bird.

The great thickness of the walls, and the smallness of the windows, render the church somewhat dark and damp; and the latter has been found of so much prejudice to pictures, painted either on wood or canvas, that they have found it absolutely necessary to supply their places as they decay, with pieces of mosaic work, which may be termed unperishable.

The materials used by the moderns in these works, are small pieces of glass, tintured with all the different degrees of colour, like the fine English worsted, used in needle-work.

The glass is first made into thin plates, and afterwards cut into long pieces of different dimensions. Some of these pieces, used in figures seen only at a distance, as on roofs and cielings, appear to be nearly of a finger's breadth; but the more elegant pieces are formed wholly of glass pins, if I may be permitted to call them so, nearly of the size of a common sewing needle; so that above two millions of such pins are required to finish a portrait four feet square. When these pieces are finished, they are polished in the same manner as looking-glasses; after which they appear like pictures painted with the most brilliant colours, and covered with a glass. The ground on which these vitreous pieces are arranged, is a kind of paste, composed of calcined marble, fine sand, gum-tragacanth, white of eggs and oil. This continues for some time so soft, that there is no difficulty either of placing the pieces, or altering any which may have been improperly inserted; but, by degrees, it grows as hard as marble, so that no impression can be made on the work. The paste is first spread in a frame of wood, which must not be less than a foot in breadth and thickness, if the piece be any thing large. This frame is fastened with brass nails to a plate of marble, or a slab of stone; and, as some of the capital pieces are twenty feet by fifteen, and this ground of paste nine inches thick, and the pins or studs of the same length, some idea may be formed of the weight of such a piece. Those designed for cielings, or places where they are viewed at a distance, are not polished; but those performed for the decoration of altars, &c. the greatest care is taken to give them every advantage. The studs of several colours are deposited in cases, and placed before the artist, in
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the same manner as letters are before a compositor, in a printing-house; and they are so very accurate in imitating the most beautiful strokes of the pencil, that the difference seems to consist only in the colours of the copy, being more vivid and brilliant than those of the painting. Several popes have followed the example of Innocent XII. in leaving proper funds in order to defray the expences of copying the several paintings which adorn St. Peter's church in mosaic; and, as these funds are continually increasing by private legacies, they will soon be able to decorate the several altars with this beautiful work.

How much this curious art has been improved during the two last centuries, may be easily seen, by comparing the coarse works in some of the old cupolas of the chapels in St. Peter's church, with the other pieces lately erected there. The studs in these old works are made of clay burnt, and the surface only tintured with various colours; but they are to be gradually removed, and their places supplied by the more elegant performances of the moderns. It is also necessary to distinguish the mosaic of the moderns from that called Florentine work, which consists of sparks of gems, and minute pieces of the finest marble, by means of which, birds, flowers, &c. are imitated, in the same manner as cabinet-makers inlay any work, with a variety of figures in wood in different colours; and hence it is called *Pietre pretiose commesse*.

But no traveller should content himself with viewing the vaults and church of St. Peter; for the upper parts of that structure are furnished with objects, the sight of which will sufficiently compensate him for his trouble of going up to the globe on the top. The first winding ascent or stair-case, if indeed it can be called so, the entrance of which is near the Capella del Coro, has not any steps, so that a horse may ascend or descend it without difficulty. It was built in

this manner, in order to carry provisions and materials to the workmen above, on asses. After going up about two hundred and eighty steps above the first ascent, you enter a gallery in the church near the cieling; it has no balustrade, but so broad that you may walk in it without any danger. Here the mosaic portraits appear of an enormous size, though, from the pavement of the church, they seem to be no larger than life: for instance, the length of St. Peter's keys is no less than thirty-three Roman palms.

The inner gallery of the cupola is still much higher; and from thence the gigantic statues of our Saviour and the twelve apostles appear in their true dimensions. The grand cupola or dome may be properly said to be double, the stair-case running between them; and you ascend eighty steps from the inner, before you reach the surface of the upper dome: but they are both concentric, the concavity of the outer cupola answering exactly to the convexity of the inner. After ascending twenty-two steps higher, you arrive at the outward gallery of the cupola, round which is a balustrade of iron. Round the cupola are many fine pillars, seven spans and a half in circumference, and twenty-four spans in height. The intervals between them are filled with glass windows, which admit the light into the great cupola. These pillars also support the inner dome, over the convex superficies of which you ascend twenty three steps higher, holding by a rope instead of a balustrade, which brings you to the top of the grand cupola, where the lanthorn is fixed, which has an opening toward the city; and from whence you have a prospect of the sea, though forty miles distant from Rome. On the evening of St. Peter's day this place is illuminated with nine lamps.

You next ascend a wooden ladder of fourteen steps, and then another of iron, of twelve; at the top of which you enter, through a very narrow passage, the copper ball placed on the top of the cupola. They
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by this ball will contain thirty-two persons; but I am persuaded the number is too large, unless they are stowed as close as ballast in a ship. The diameter intercepted between the cross iron hoops, which bind the work together, is twelve common spans, or about eight feet; some make it eleven palms, or eight feet and one third. This ball, and the cross placed on the top of it, being nineteen palmi, or fifteen English feet and a half high, were cast by Sebastiano Torrisano.

All persons, every time they duly visit this structure, are intitled to an indulgence of six thousand years; nor can this be well doubted by those who believe St. Peter to keep the door of the happy mansions above, as his intercession must doubtless have great weight in procuring admission. This great apostle is said to have caused a spring to burst out in a miraculous manner, near St. Martha's church, which still continues; the water is used in the bakehouse of the pope, near the Vatican, and the bread made there for his holiness is reckoned the best in the whole city.

The spacious palace of the Vatican joins to the north side of St. Peter's church. This palace is said to contain twelve thousand five hundred and twenty-four apartments; and the governor assured me, that there were in it eleven thousand two hundred and forty-six chambers, twenty-two courts, and twelve hundred hearths, or fire-places. We have, however, no other authority for this, than the assertions of the pope's officers and domestics, which they found on a wooden model of this palace, not now to be seen; for it cannot be supposed that any traveller can have either opportunity or inclination to examine into the truth of the account. Antonio Sangallo made an accurate and beautiful model of St. Peter's church, which cost above thirty thousand crowns; but it is now lost. This sum, how great soever it may appear, is vastly less than what the king of Portugal

expended in a model of this cathedral; which is said to have cost near a hundred thousand dollars, about twenty-three thousand three hundred and thirty-three pounds sterling. In this exquisite model every particular ornament of the original was represented in miniature, even to the gems.

The Vatican palace having been built and enlarged at different times, no proportion or symmetry is observed in the several parts of which it consists; and, to avoid damaging the fine area before the cathedral of St. Peter, no portico has been erected in the front.

When his holiness gives audience, the cardinals and ambassadors sit on chairs; princes on three cushions laid on the floor; but other persons kneel. On each side of the papal throne, in the chamber of audience, is a stool, covered with red, which, they say, are intended as seats for kings; but, they seem, during the two last centuries, to despise the honour.

In the back-part of the Vatican is the sacristy or wardrobe, and from the many fine pieces of painting, and costly furniture for altars, and other rich vestments, is well worth visiting. It, however, contained formerly more rich moveables than at present, the most valuable having, some time since, been removed into the castle of St. Angelo, where it is not easy to obtain a sight of them.

In the Palazzo Vecchio, or old Vatican palace, is the famous Vatican library, which was removed hither by order and under the care and inspection of pope Sixtus V. Of late, none but members of the sacred college are invested with the office of chief librarian, to which is annexed a salary of an hundred golden crowns a month. His chief deputy has, beside an allowance of bread and wine, six hundred crowns a year; and the other under librarians, four hundred and fifty crowns each.

Among the curiosities, generally shewn to strangers, is a manuscript of Virgil, written in the *Literæ Unciales*, supposed to be of the fourth or fifth century.

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The historical pictures in this manuscript have been published in copper-plates by Bartoli, and with an elegancy far beyond the original. The text is not without some palpable errors. Here are also manuscripts of Terence with representations of the Personæ, or masks used by the ancient comedians; and the manuscripts of Henry VIII. of England, *de Septem Sacramentis*. Burnet himself acknowledges that the love-letters to Anne Bulleyn are written with that prince's own hand. Here are also some leaves of ancient paper made from the bark of trees; some writing tablets of the Romans; a manuscript copy of Pliny's Natural history, adorned with fine miniature paintings: another, of Dante's works; the original copy *De Errore Profanarum Religionem*, by Minutius Felix; also several breviaries, missals, and martyrologies, elegantly written. Some of these manuscripts are finely illuminated, among which is that of Julius Clovius; the original of Baronius's Annals, in 12 folio volumes; a Greek manuscript of the Alexandrian chronicle, together with some manuscripts of Onufrius, Ligorius, Thomas Aquinas, Charles Borromeo, and others. Here is also a Hebrew translation of the Homilies of Clement XI. finely written; a volume of hieroglyphical figures; a very ancient fragment of Dion's history; and a great number of Oriental manuscripts, in Arabic, Chinese, and other Eastern languages. But, in my opinion, the most valuable of them all are a manuscript copy of the Septuagint translation of the Old Testament, in Greek, and a copy of the New Testament, written in Greek capitals, without accents, reckoned, both with regard to beauty and antiquity, equal to the Alexandrian manuscript in the royal library at London, and which, some assert, was written in the sixth century; a large unbound Hebrew manuscript of the Bible; the gospels of St. Luke and St. John, written in the tenth century, and bound in ivory; a Greek copy of the Acts of the apostles, written in letters of gold, which was

presented by Charlotte, queen of Cyprus, to pope Innocent VIII. It was formerly adorned on the outside with jewels, but the soldiers, at the sacking of Rome by Charles of Bourbon, took them off.

The Vatican library was enriched with a great number of Syriac, Arabic, Persian, Turkish, Hebrew, Samaritan, Armenian, Ethiopic, Greek, Egyptian, and Malabrian manuscripts, by pope Clement XI. purchased by that pontiff in Egypt, when the Coptic patriarch was desirous of uniting the Romish and Eastern churches. The lovers of Oriental literature will be apprised of the importance of these manuscripts, when the account of them, by Joseph Simon Asseman, a native of Syria, and copyist in the Vatican library for the Arabic and Syrian languages, is finished. The whole library consists of five rooms, beside the two galleries already described; so that the number of volumes must be very great; but, being kept in cases, it is impossible to form an idea of it by the eye, and it has never been ascertained. The library is not, however, remarkable for printed books, their whole number scarcely amounting to twenty thousand; but, with regard to valuable manuscripts, it is allowed to excel any in Europe; some make the number of these to be above twenty-five thousand.

The Vatican librarians are allowed to read all prohibited books, which are deposited in a place by themselves. The expence of seeing this valuable collection amounts to about eight or nine Paoli, or four shillings sterling.

The Vatican palace, as we have already observed, joins on one side to the cathedral of St. Peter; the other is connected by a colonade to the castle of St. Angelo. Alexander VII. who is no great honour to the papal see, erected this colonade, which proved of no service to pope Clement VII. when the city was surprised by the imperial army, in the year 1527; for one of the soldiers shot at him, as he was running along this passage to shelter himself in the fortrefs.

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The castle of St. Angelo was anciently the place where the remains of the Roman emperors were interred; being built for that purpose by the emperor Adrian, the Mausolæum of Augustus. on the other side of the Tiber, being then filled with urns; and hence is acquired the name of Moles Hadriani. In the center of this structure is a large round tower, which was formerly decorated with a great variety of marble pillars and statues; but the Roman soldiers broke most of them down, and used them in their defence against the Goths, when they attacked the city. On the top of this tower, the Pigna, now in the Belvedere gardens, was placed. In the reign of Gregory the Great, the city of Rome being visited with a pestilence, the pictures of the Virgin Mary, painted by St. Luke, were carried in a grand procession; and the pope, as they pretend, saw an angel standing directly over this castle, who, immediately, on the pope's looking up, sheathed his flaming sword. The pontiff, considering this as a certain sign that the divine wrath was appeased, caused a chapel to be erected to the honour of the angel, and the place itself to be called Castellum S. Angeli. In the Franciscan convent of St. Maria Ara Coeli, they shew a stone, on which the angel left the impression of his foot. As the city of Rome was destitute both of a citadel and regular fortifications, it was thought necessary to form this castle into a place of defence; and, accordingly, Urban VIII. caused it to be fortified in the modern manner, with five regular bastions, ramparts, moats, and other works. The garrison is composed of two hundred regulars, and seven hundred citizens; the latter rarely do any duty, though they enjoy several privileges, particularly that of wearing a sword. The apartment into which Clement VII. retired, from the disturbances he had himself occasioned, by provoking Charles V. is, at present, appointed for a state prison, having a small window which looks into a chapel, through which the persons

persons confined in this apartment may hear mass. At the entrance of this prison is a trobochetto, or trap-door, through which a prisoner may be let down, unexpectedly, into a deep dungeon, and meet with inevitable death; but it is at present covered with an iron grate.

In this castle, beside the state prisoners, are confined such prisoners as the inquisition does not chuse to leave in the Palazzo della Inquisitione, in the city; the populace, at Rome, always making a general gaol-delivery on the death of a pope: for which reason, as soon as any pope is given over by his physicians, they always remove those who have committed any notorious crimes, together with those from whom any danger is apprehended, into the castle of St. Angelo, into which no stranger is admitted during the vacancy of the papal throne. On the top of the tower of this castle is a pedestal, which anciently supported Adrian's Pigna, whose place is now supplied by the statue of an angel in white marble, near twelve feet high, performed by Montelupo. Four brass cannon are mounted on the platform, one of which queen Christina fired, out of a frolic, against the Medicis palace on Monte Pincio; and, in an iron door of that structure, the mark of the ball is still visible. Four or five paoli is the whole expence of viewing the castle. Before you enter the castle, you pass over that grand bridge, called by the ancients Pons Ælius.

The Rotundo, so called from its figure, has supported itself against the attacks of time, better than any structure built by the ancient Romans. And it is surprising, that neither this remarkable temple, the pillar of M. Aurelius, the Mausolæum of Adrian, nor the Septigonium of Severus, should have been represented on any medal struck by the ancient Romans. Pliny tells us, that this edifice was at first dedicated to Jupiter Ultor by M. Agrippa; but afterward to all the deities, celestial, terrestrial, and infernal; whence it was termed Pantheon. The roof of it, according

to some authors, was at first covered with silver, but carried away by the soldiers during the confusions of the city; and that Constantius carried with him to Constantinople the most beautiful statues with which it was adorned. But, notwithstanding these misfortunes, a vast quantity of brass was found about it in the pontificate of Urban VIII. who formed from it the grand altar in the cathedral of St. Peter, together with several pieces of ordnance, which he placed in the castle of St. Angelo. It is surprising he did not also take the superb bronze gates, which are eighteen feet four inches broad, and thirty-six feet high, especially as they are much too large for the edifice, and were, in all probability, designed at first for some other. Pasquin, however, did not let the pope's stripping the Pantheon of its ornaments pass unnoticed, for the following satirical words soon appeared: *Quod non fecerunt barbari Romæ, fecit Barbarini*, "What the barbarians spared, the *Barbarini* took away."

It is evident from the niches still remaining, that the statues of the gods were placed in this structure; and Pliny tells us, that the statue of Venus was adorned with pendants which were made from the pearl spared by Cleopatra at the extravagant entertainment she gave to M. Anthony. It must not, however, be supposed, that this temple contained statues of all the gods worshipped by the Romans, for they amounted to several thousands, and, consequently, could not all be placed here; but all structures, dedicated to more than one particular god, were termed Pantheons, Dio tells us, that before the entrance of the Rotunda, the present name of this edifice, were anciently two statues, one on the right hand, and the other on the left; the former representing Augustus, and the latter Agrippa. The outside of this structure is intirely built of Tivoli free-stone, but the inside is incrusted over with marble.

The roof of the Rotunda is a round dome, destitute both of pillars and windows, seventy-two common paces

paces in diameter; some say the inside is only one hundred and thirty-two feet, exclusive of the wall, which is eighteen feet thick; but even this is greater than the height, which is ascended by an hundred and ninety steps. This church has no windows, but a large aperture in the center of the dome, thirty-seven feet and a half in diameter, admits a sufficient quantity of light to illuminate every part of it. It is paved with porphyry and large square stones, placed in a declining position toward the center, where the rain-water is carried off by a sewer, covered with a stone full of holes.

[Dr. Smollet expresses his opinion of the Rotunda as follows.—‘ I was much disappointed at sight of the Pantheon, which, after all that has been said of it, looks like a huge cockpit, open at top. The portico which Agrippa added to the building, is undoubtedly very noble, though, in my opinion, it corresponds but ill with the simplicity of the edifice. With all my veneration for the ancients, I cannot see in what the beauty of the Rotunda consists. It is no more than a plain unpierced cylinder, or circular wall, with two fillets and a cornice, having a vaulted roof or cupola, open in the center. I mean the original building, without considering the vestibule of Agrippa. Within side it has much the air of a mausoleum. It was this appearance which, in all probability, suggested the thought to Boniface IV. to transport hither eight and twenty cart-loads of old rotten bones, dug from different burying-places, and then to dedicate it as a church to the blessed Virgin and all the holy martyrs. I am not one of those who think it is well-lighted by the hole at the top, which is about nine and twenty feet in diameter, although the author of the Grand Tour calls it but nine. Before the time of pope Alexander VII. the earth was so raised as to cover part of the temple, and there was a descent of some steps into the porch: but that pontiff ordered the ground to be pared away to the very pedestal or
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base of the portico, which is now even with the street, so that there is no descent whatsoever. Pope Urban VIII. removed the large brass beams, which supported the roof of the portico. They weighed 186392 pounds; and afforded metal enough not only for the pillars in St. Peter's church, but also for several pieces of artillery. What is more extraordinary, the gilding of those columns is said to have cost forty thousand golden crowns: sure money was never worse laid out. Urban VIII. likewise added two bellfrey towers to the Rotunda; and I wonder he did not cover the central hole with glass, as it must be very inconvenient and disagreeable to those who go to church below, to be exposed to the rain in wet weather, which must also render it very damp and unwholesome. I visited it several times, and each time it looked more and more gloomy and sepulchral.]

Of the catacombs those of St. Sebastian are the most spacious, and least impaired by time, of any in Rome. They, in some places, consist of several stories, or passages lying one under another; and, the soil being dry and sandy, they were obliged to prop it up here and there with brick-walls. You frequently ascend and descend in these subterranean caverns, and, in many places, are obliged to stoop in going through them. These passages are not above two or three feet in breadth, so that two persons cannot walk abreast, except in some chambers which are between four and six feet broad, and from six to eight in length. In these, according to some, the primitive Christians performed their religious exercises. It is prohibited, under pain of the severest excommunication, to take any thing away from this place; but, I imagine, heretics do not consider themselves as bound by any such prohibition. In each foot of the wall are repositories or cavities, a foot, or a foot and a half high, and between four and five inches broad, which are empty, and stand open; and others filled up with brick, or a small marble base, on which are

sometimes inscriptions. As I happened to be the last of our company, and, therefore, not so narrowly observed by the monk, who attended us with a consecrated wax-taper, I took down one of these marble-tablets, which was about two fingers thick, and I found in the cavity an human skeleton intire, though not very large; for I met with few of these repositories capable of containing a full grown person at full length. Three or four of these commonly lie over one another; and those cavities in which two or more bodies may be deposited, are called *Bisoma*, *Disoma*, *Trisoma*, *Quatrisoma*, &c. In one place I observed a large stone coffin; and without the church is another in marble, decorated with basso-relievos, representing some histories of the Old and New Testament, which, they say, was taken out of the catacombs. In another place I observed a large and intire earthen urn with a narrow neck, found and intire. In different places of the walls are small glass bottles, but only the bottom part of most of them remained. In some of these I observed a blackish sediment, which, they pretend, is the blood of the martyrs buried here, but, perhaps, may be only the sediment of oil used in the lamps. These glasses resemble the lachrymatories of the ancient Heathens, in which they preserved the tears shed at the funerals of their departed friends; and, also, those of the women hired to weep on such occasions. On the bottom of one of these phials, a friend of mine at Nurenberg shewed me a very beautiful gilt picture, representing a child with a bulla about its neck, and led by its mother. Over the painting was a glass to preserve it from the damp. On another lacrymatory, in the possession of the same gentleman, is the following intercription: *Vixas dulcis anima pie Zeses*. But this picture is not so well executed as the former, the whole work appearing to be modern, and in the Gothic taste. Both these glasses were a part of the Strozzi cabinet, and found in the catacombs. In the year 1716, the celebrated senator

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Buonatori, published, at Florence, a work intitled *Osservazione sopra alcuni Frammenti di Vasi antichi di Vetro, ornati di Figure, trovati ne Cimiteri di Roma, &c.* in which a particular description is given of several paintings on such phials; some of which were done by Heathens, and others by Christians. The words *Pie Zeses* are conspicuous on several of them; but the rules of grammar will not admit, as some pretend, that they mean *Pie Jesu*; and the opinion of those, who believe them to be a mixture of Greek and Latin not unusual among the Romans in common conversation, seems more plausible. Beside these large cavities are several small holes, like those in pigeon-houses, along the sides of the catacombs, in which the ancients placed their urns, some singly, some two or three together; and these places were called *Columbarie ollarie* and *Hypogæa*.

Upon comparing several inscriptions which casually presented themselves to my view, without any particular search, together with an observation I made on the smallness of the skeletons, I think the conjecture, that, among the ancient Heathens, children were often buried, instead of being burnt on funeral piles, as was customary with regard to adults, was rendered very plausible.

These subterranean passages have very intricate communications with one another; but stones are erected in the middle, to direct those who visit them, in their way. A traveller, who would survey all the catacombs belonging to St. Sebastian's, must travel twenty Italian miles at least; as appears from a plan of them in the convent, which agrees with the copper-plate print of Paul Aringhis, called *Roma Subterranea*. where are also draughts of the catacombs of St. Hermes, St. Pancrace, St. Agnes, St. Agatha, St. Lucinea, &c. Every one of these catacombs, and several others, to the number of thirty, have all their subterranean passages of such extent, that all of them, taken together, are said to extend above an hundred

hundred Italian miles; but many of them are so greatly decayed that they are obliged to be walled up, several persons having lost themselves in these subterranean labyrinths. Beside the accounts of Bossii and Arhingi, another was published at Rome, intitled *Osservazione sopra i Cimiteri di Sante Martiri antichi Christiani di Roma*, in two volumes folio, in 1720. That many Christians are interred in these subterranean passages no one will deny; but it does not by any means follow, that these caverns were originally the work of Christians, or that they served for retreats in time of persecution. For, not to mention the vast disproportion of such works to the small number of Christians, how was it possible to convey away the many thousand cart-loads of earth and sand, taken out of these catacombs, with such privacy as to escape the notice of the Heathens? If we candidly inspect the catacombs at Rome, it will appear, that these subterranean passages were originally the Puticuli, mentioned by Horace, Varro, and Festus Pompeius, where only the bodies of slaves, and those whose circumstances would not permit their friends to be at the expence of burning them on funeral piles, were deposited. The digging up puzzolana, a kind of sand, very useful in making mortar for building, of which there are vast strata in many parts of Italy, particularly without the city, may have given rise to this expedient for burying the dead. In process of time, persons of a higher rank were interred here; for the Romans, even before Christianity prevailed, often interred their dead, as is evident from several monumental inscriptions still visible in the catacombs, which begin with the letters D. M.; and others, where the express words *Dis Manibus* are engraved at full length: words which would have been looked upon with horror by a Christian.

Another proof, that this was not a burying place for the primitive Christians, I gather from the great number of lachrymatories found in these catacombs,
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and usually placed by the Heathens near their dead, being filled with their own tears, and those of the hired mourners, or *præfice*: as is evident from the expressions frequently to be met with on tomb-stones: namely, *Tumulum lacrymis plenum dare; ponere cum lacrymis; cum lacrymis & opobalsamo udum condere*, and the like: concerning which consult *Guthier de Jure Manuum*, lib. i. c. 28. p. 173; and *Casal*, p. ii. c. 21. *de Urb.*

Before the church of St. Theodore is a short thick pillar, or Pagan altar and *cenforium*. The brafs she-wolf, now in the capitol, was also dug up here; and hence it is supposed to have been the temple of Romulus and Remus. It seems that the Heathens used to bring their children afflicted with disorders hither, and rub them against the statues of these twin brothers, who had been so miraculously preserved; and the ancient matrons, even for some time after the establishment of Christianity, continued this superstitious custom. To reform this abuse, the temple has been consecrated to St. Theodore, and to this day a particular mass is read here every Thursday, after which the sick children are brought to the altar, where a monk lays his hand upon them, and strokes their faces with a relic of St. Theodore; and, by virtue of this ceremony, the child is certainly expected to recover or die within seven days. The papists call this putting away the leaven of heathenism, and turning it into a practice of Christian devotion. This brings to my mind a certain Romish author, who, in relating, with the highest encomiums, the zeal of the jesuits in propagating Christianity, tells us, that in some parts, the excrement of oxen were held in such veneration, that the inhabitants anointed their heads with it when hot, and left it there to dry. This custom the jesuits did all in their power to obliterate, but finding all their endeavours proved abortive, they turned it into a Christian ceremony by sprinkling the unction, before it was applied, plentifully with holy water.

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St. Silvestro in Campo Marzo, or in Capite, has an impression of the face of Christ, which, according to Eusebius, our Saviour himself made on a piece of white linen, and sent to Abgarus (by that father called Agbarus) king of Edessa; the painter sent from that country being unable to take it, on account of the dazzling brightness of Christ's countenance. The truth of this whole affair rests intirely on the relation given of it by Nicephorus Calistus, who lived about the middle of the fourteenth century. This impression of our Saviour's face is, indeed, preserved, though rarely shewn, in the convent of the nuns of St. Clare, near their church; but one must be contented with a copy of it in a basso-relievo of white marble, placed on the left hand of the high altar. If this be a true representation of Christ, he was of a very melancholy aspect; his hair resembles a wig, and he appears with mustaches and a long beard. Under this basso relievo, is a marble bust of John the Baptist, having a like beard resembling that above, but a more meagre countenance. Opposite to this is the monument of St. Silvester.

The church of St. Silvester boasts of having the heads of St. John the Baptist; but though five popes have declared in favour of this church and convent, yet the canons of Amiens maintain that they alone are in possession of the Baptist's real head; and Du Cange has, in support of their claim, published a long and very learned dissertation.

In the churches are many curious pieces in painting, architecture, and sculpture, yet a greater variety of these may be seen in the palaces of the Roman nobility; who spend the principal part of their fortunes in decorating the villas with ornaments of this kind, that foreigners may be induced to visit them, and extol their magnificence in distant countries. I have more than once observed, that between twenty and thirty rooms, in the lower and best stories of a palace, have been magnificently adorned merely from ostentation,

tion, while the owner and his family have confined themselves to the upper story. As the elder branch of a noble family lives in this manner, it may easily be supposed, that none of the outward splendor, usual in other countries, is to be expected among the inferior branches. For a younger son of the richest families in Italy, as those of Colonna, Pamfili, Ludovisio, and others, has, beside board, lodging and apparel, no more than forty or sixty scudi a month; which allowance not being sufficient for him to make any great figure, he is obliged to have recourse to the church, in order to procure to himself some rich benefice. From this attention to outward grandeur, more than real conveniency, it often happens, that the Italian palaces are not the most commodious dwellings, and passages of communication from one apartment to another are frequently wanting. The floors are generally of brick, marble being looked upon as unwholesome in damp and cold weather, and boards they do not keep sufficiently clean. The looking-glasses, to correspond with the other rich furniture, ought to be finer and larger; the locks on the doors should be more elegant than common, and the hangings newer and in greater number. They have, indeed, in the last particular, begun to make some improvements; for, at present, the palaces of Barbarini, Caroli, and Altemps are decorated with very beautiful Brabant tapestry.

[Dr. Smollet remarks, that “ the churches and palaces of these days are crowded with petty ornaments, which distract the eye, and by breaking the design into a variety of little parts, destroy the effect of the whole. Every door and window has its separate ornaments, its moulding, frize, cornice, and tympanum; then there is such an assemblage of useless festoons, pillars, pilasters, with their architraves, entablatures, &c. that nothing great or uniform remains to fill the view; and we, in vain, look for that simplicity of grandeur, which characterises the edifices

of the ancients. A great edifice, to have its full effect, ought to be *isolé*, that is, detached from all others, with a large space around it: but the palaces of Rome, and, indeed, of all the other cities of Italy, which I have seen, are so engaged among other mean houses, that their beauty and magnificence are in a great measure concealed. Even those which face open streets and piazzas are only clear in front. The other apartments are darkened by the vicinity of ordinary houses; and their views are confined by dirty and disagreeable objects. Within the court there is generally a noble colonnade all round, and an open corridor above: but the stairs are usually narrow, steep, and high: the want of sash-windows, the dullness of their small glass lozenges, the dusty brick floors, and the crimson hangings laced with gold, contribute to give a gloomy air to their apartments; I might add to these causes, a number of pictures executed on melancholy subjects, antique mutilated statues, busts, basso-relievos, urns, and sepulchral stones, with which their rooms are adorned. It must be owned, however, there are some exceptions to this general rule. The villa of cardinal Alexander Albani is light, gay, and airy; yet the rooms are too small, and too much decorated with carving and gilding, which is a kind of gingerbread work. The apartments of one of the princes Borghese are furnished in the English taste; and in the *palazza di colonna conestabile*, there is a saloon, or gallery, which, for the proportions, lights, furniture, and ornaments, is the most noble, elegant, and agreeable apartment I ever saw.”]

I have often considered that the Romish religion, by affecting exterior splendor, adds greatly to the improvement of sculpture and painting. Nor will this be thought strange, if we reflect how numerous those pieces are in churches and convents, there being, at least, fifteen thousand pieces of the Lord's Supper, and above fifty thousand of the annunciation in Italy. The painters must, therefore, be continually

ally endeavouring to obtain a superiority in that art, and to recommend them for beauty in colouring and expression. What great improvements may be expected, when we consider that the history of the Bible is to be executed by an ingenious artist? What scope has he there for exerting the strength of his imagination, and the exquisite command of his pencil? Opportunities of this kind are not to be expected in protestant countries, as they do not admit of pictures in public places of worship; and temporal princes have generally other ways of spending their revenues, without erecting superb structures, and decorating them with statues and paintings; whereas convents are frequently possessed of more money than they can dispense with, and it is likewise certain, that whatever is spent on churches, will be reimbursed ten-fold by the profitable resort of pilgrims and others: add to this the daily legacies procured by the artifices of the priests for building and ornamenting their churches. Here all are desirous of an ecclesiastic in their last moments, and his business is to exhort the dying person to perform some good works, and leave his effects to the church; for they say our Saviour tells us, "That whatever good is done to the least of his brethren, he will look upon it as done to himself;" and one order of the Franciscans have been so very humble, as to stile themselves *minimi*, the least; which gives them a better title to charitable legacies. What will not a profligate wretch, who hath amassed riches by all manner of oppressive and indirect means, do, when on his death-bed, to attain the happy mansions of eternity? Purgatory is also an inexhaustible fund to the clergy. It is hardly credible what envy and rancour the different orders entertain against one another, and their artifice and assiduity in drawing the silly sheep from one fold to another; and one of the most infallible expedients, for this purpose, is the glaring pomp and magnificence of a church. It must indeed be owned, that this emulation in building and decorat-

ing them is very advantageous to the people, as it employs a great number of hands, and consequently promotes the circulation of money; which is infinitely better than to let it lie dead in immense treasures, or to let the convents acquire all the landed estates. That jewels, indeed, which have no fixed or current value, to the amount of so many millions, should shine as useless offerings in the church of Loretto, is very wrong, but much better than that society should be deprived of so much ready specie.

Several having given so ample a description of the ancient state of Rome, I shall not now dwell on that subject, but refer the curious to Rossi, Pinaroli, de Seine, and other authors; and shall therefore only add to what has already been described, a short account of such principal remains of antiquity, as are, at present, to be seen at Rome, and which have not yet been mentioned.

The amphitheatre of Titus has been honoured by Martial with a pompous epigram; and, though the injuries of time have greatly defaced it, yet it cannot, even now, be beheld without astonishment. The whole edifice is of Travertine stone, and has four galleries above one another, adorned with pillars of the Doric, Ionic, Corinthian, and Composite orders. According to Eutropius and Cassiodorus, five thousand, or, if Dio, lib. 66, may be credited, nine thousand wild beasts, of various kinds, were killed, in its area, at the dedication of it. This grand structure retained part of its ancient splendor, in the time of Paul III. about the year 1534, when it consisted of eighty arches, four of which, larger than the rest, stood opposite one another, at right angles, being the four grand entrances. Its circumference was a thousand six hundred and twelve geometrical feet, the external figure circular, but the inside elliptical or oval. Titus employed twelve thousand Jewish captives at the building of it, and expended immense sums upon it. The exact dimensions of this stupendous work may be seen in Vitruvius and Lipsius, as also in Maffei's elaborate treatise

trattato de Amphitheatris, where he shews, that amphitheatres, built with stone, were far from being so common as is generally imagined; that, except Rome, Verona, and Capua, there was not a city, in all Italy, that could boast of one. Historians have often confounded the words, *amphitheatrum*, *theatrum*, *circus*, *stadium*, and *arena*, using one for another. It is evident, indeed, from Tacitus, *Annal.* iv. that wooden amphitheatres were built in several parts of the Roman empire; for he relates, in the place cited, the fall of one at Fidenæ, not far from Rome, in the time of Tiberius: this accident was occasioned by the great numbers of spectators, the weakness of the materials, and defect in the workmanship; fifty thousand were killed or hurt; or, according to Orosius, and Suetonius, about twenty thousand lost their lives in that amphitheatre.

The wild beasts were not, according to the opinion of some, kept in the arched places, under the first row of seats, the amphitheatres being neither spacious enough, nor of proper strength for that purpose; but were brought from distant places to the Arena, from whence they were turned loose from their cages. The amphitheatre at Rome is called Colisco, or Colosseum, rather for its surprising magnitude, than from the colossus that stood before Nero's golden palace. In the year 1725 a plan and elevation of this surprising structure, begun by Vespasian, and finished by Titus, was published at the Hague, in a large folio, with several copper-plates, by Carlo Fontana. A great quantity of stone has been taken from this ancient structure, for the building of the palaces of Farnese, St. Mark, and the Cancellaria; but some pretend, that these stones were only scattered and separated from the building, by storms of rain, tempests, or earthquakes, not one of them being taken from the edifice itself. But, be this as it may, the area is now overgrown with grass and weeds, and not the least care taken to keep it in repair.

In most of the stones on the outside of this amphitheatre, are holes of three or four inches diameter. Some are of the opinion, that, when the popes resided at the Lateran palace, markets and fairs were held there, and that these holes were made in the walls by the chapmen, for fixing their booths or stands; but there is a strong objection against this opinion, as the holes are made at so great a height, that they could not be of use on such occasions: others imagine these holes were made when the edifice was first built, and that the iron cramps and braces, for binding the stones together, were inserted in them, and fastened with melted lead. This method of binding stones together is mentioned by Thucydides, lib. iv. and Vitruvius, lib. ii. cap. 8. and the marquis Maffei observed holes, of the same kind, not only in the triumphal arch at Susa, but even in the stones of edifices which had remained untouched; and on applying the chissel, in order to separate them, he found iron braces fastened with lead, which could not but confirm him in his opinion of the use of these holes. Whether, during the many ravages the city of Rome has undergone, the enemy thought proper to carry away the lead and iron; or whether the poor herdsmen, whose cattle used to feed near this place, for want of other employment, took the trouble of forcing them out; is not easily determined. Cassiodorus (lib. iii. 31.) indeed informs us, that, so early as the time of Theodorus, it was found necessary to decree punishments for those who should steal the lead and iron from the walls of ancient structures.

According to the most exact computation, the number of spectators this amphitheatre could contain, did not exceed thirty-four thousand, exclusive of those in the upper gallery; I cannot therefore imagine, why some authors should endeavour to impose so flagrantly on their readers. Ammianus Marcellius, in his sixteenth book, says, that eighty-six thousand persons sitting, and twenty thousand standing, might

might have a full view of the sports exhibited in this amphitheatre. The same author, lib. xvi. cap. 16. calls this edifice a prodigious amphitheatre, built of Tiburtine stone, to a height almost beyond the reach of the human eye.

Betwixt the amphitheatre and the triumphal arch of Constantine the Great, is a pillar, which, on the account of the water springing out of it like a fountain, is called *Meta sudans*, and seems to have been intended for the use of the people when heated at the games; but this fountain appears, from a passage in Seneca's letters, to have been in being even so early as the time of Nero. It has been several times repaired, though, at present, it makes but a mean appearance.

The triumphal arch of Constantine the Great shews that sculpture, even in that emperor's time, which was above a hundred years before Rome fell under the power of the barbarous nations, was greatly declined. Nor are the medals, struck since the time of Caracalla, comparable to those of the emperors who flourished before him. Hence the beauty of some pieces in this triumphal arch incline me to think, that they are the works of an earlier date, and belonged to some other ancient monument, perhaps to the triumphal arches of Trajan or Domitian. That, at least, some of the basso-relievos, now on Constantine's arch, were originally on that of Trajan, cannot be doubted, together with the eight mutilated statues, whose heads, according to Paulus Jovius, Lorenzo de Medicis privately broke off, and conveyed to Florence. This arch stands in the Via Appia, at the junction of the Celian and Palatine mounts; under the main arch are these words, *Liberatori urbi*, "To the deliverer of the city." And on the other side, *Fundatori quietis*, "To the author of public tranquillity."

The way from hence, over the Campus Vaccinus, to the Capitol, leads through the triumphal arch of

Titus Vespasian, which is in very good condition; and has, on that side facing the Coliseum, an inscription, from whence it plainly appears, that it was erected on the death of the emperor. This superb piece of antiquity consists only of a single arch, on which is represented, in basso-relievos, the river Jordan, the golden candlestick with seven branches, the tables of the law, two jubilee trumpets, the table of shew-bread, and other utensils of the temple at Jerusalem: from whence some light may be thrown on the Jewish antiquities, as is shewn at large by Reland, in a particular treatise, published at Utrecht in 1717, intitled, *De spoliis Templi Hierosolymitani in Arcu Titiano Romæ conspicuis*. This triumph is also celebrated in another inscription found at Rome, which, in all probability, formerly belonged to this arch.

In the Forum Romanum, or, as it is now called, the Campus Vaccinus, beside the remains of temples, is one of the largest basons, or vases, of a single piece of granate, that ever was found in Rome; it is of a circular figure, and twenty Roman feet in diameter: some conjecture, that it was used in the ancient baths; but, at present, it only serves as a water-trough for sheep and oxen.

The most perfect remains of the Cloaca Maxima, or large common-sewer built by Tarquinius Priscus, are on the left hand near the temple of Janus Quadrifrons, in the Forum Boarium. It was sixteen feet in breadth, and twelve in height, and several other drains emptied themselves into it. That such conveniencies greatly contributed to the healthfulness of the air, is beyond dispute; but whether an advantage accrued to the public treasury from them, as some pretend, is not so certain. One of its passages is carried under the church of St. Stefano alle Corozze, and through the garden of signor Tiberio Genci, into the Tiber. In the gallery of the garden is a mark, with an inscription, shewing how high the water of the Tiber rose in the year 1686. From this place is the best prospect
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of the remains of the ruined bridge, called Pons Senatorius. With regard to the inundations of the Tiber, which, in all ages, have done such considerable damages to the city of Rome, Lancisi, the pope's physician, is of opinion, that they proceed from the following causes. 1. The force of the sea repelling the influx of the river. 2. The strong and continual south-winds. 3. The obstructions at the mouth of the river. 4. The great number of bridges built upon it, whereby the current is obstructed. 5. The ruins of several bridges and other buildings, the stones of which have fallen into the Tiber, and rendered the bottom of the river very unequal. 6. The great number of mills erected on it; and, 7. The tenacity observed in the water of the Tiber.

The Columna Antonina, which stands in the Piazza di Colonna, is a hundred and eighty-five feet high, and embellished with bas-reliefs, representing the principal actions of Marcus Aurelius. This column is thirty-five feet higher than that of Trajan: within it are stairs winding in a spiral line, the light being admitted through fifty-two small windows, and consist of a hundred and ninety steps, which lead to a square gallery surrounded with iron balustrades, from whence there is a delightful prospect. About fourteen feet above this gallery, is a statue of St. Paul fourteen palms in height, and of gilt brass, erected by pope Sixtus V. who also repaired the whole column, and caused several inscriptions to be cut on the pedestal. This whole column consists of no more than twenty-eight pieces, whence an idea may be formed of the enormous size of the stones. The figures on the upper part of the column are larger than those of the lower; this being the only piece of antiquity where the rules of perspective, with which the ancients were but little acquainted, have been observed. Montfaucon has inserted a great many of its bas-reliefs in his *Antiquité Expliquée*, tom. iv. P. I. But the fullest account
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of this pillar is in a treatise, intituled, *La Colonna di Marco Aurelio*, &c.

The Columna Trajani, or Trajan's pillar, which is of a much larger diameter, and adorned with bas-reliefs of a more elevated kind, and bolder execution than that of Antoninus, makes a very grand appearance. The beauty of this column is also augmented by a noble pedestal, representing a rock, and embellished trophies of armour, shields, &c. It stands in a square hole, seven or eight feet deep, the sides of which are supported by brick walls, six or eight feet above the foundation. This evidently shews the great elevation of the ground, and that, by the many ravages and devastations, this famous city has undergone, its situation is raised much higher than it was when this pillar was first erected. The bas-reliefs are carried round this pillar, and from the bottom to the top, form twenty three spiral circumvolutions: they represent the expedition of Trajan against Decebalus, king of the Dacians, and contain near two thousand five hundred figures; but without the least regard to perspective, those in the rear appearing as large as those advanced in the front, and seem to be raised, in order to present themselves the plainer to the spectator's view. The spiral stair-case within consists of one hundred and eighty steps, and receives light by means of forty-three windows or apertures, properly disposed. The urn, which formerly contained Trajan's ashes, and was placed on the top of this pillar, has been removed, and its place supplied by a statue of brass gilt, representing St. Peter. This pillar is of marble, and consists of thirty-four pieces only; the pedestal is formed out of a single block; the base consists of eight, the torus of one, the shaft of twenty-three, and the capital of one.

The Mausoleum or Augustus, in the Strada Pontifici, behind the church of St. Rocca, is a circular building; the area is filled up, and converted into a garden.



garden. In the center of it is a statue of Augustus, and the outside of this structure is in good condition; but the inside so greatly decayed, that no idea can be formed of its ancient magnificence.

The remains of the emperor Severus's tomb are without St. John's Gate, on the road to Fiescati; and those of the Mausolæum of Cicelia, daughter of queen Creticus Me ellus, and wife to the rich Croesus, in the Via Appia, beyond St. Sebastian's church. The latter resembles an old decayed tower, and is now called Capo di Bove, from the number of ox-heads represented in bas-reliefs on this edifice. When these parts of Italy were the seat of war, the enemy often made use of this tower for a place of arms, or a fortress.

On the side of the Porta, or St. Paul's gate, is the pyramid of Caius Cestus, one of the seven Epu-lones. This structure, which is built with bricks, and incrusted with marble, is a hundred and ten feet high; and each side of the base is eighty-one feet and a half. At the entrance of this pyramid, are two marble pillars, and within, an oblong apartment, with an arched roof, and a Victory painted in each corner. A particular account and description of this pyramid may be seen in Falconieri's Dissertation, annexed to Nardini's *Roma Antiqua*.

Not far from hence, toward the city, is the Mons Testaceus, or Dolium, vulgarly called Il Testaceo. This hill consists intirely of the fragments of broken earthen ware, or pot-sherds, brought hither from the city, and is an hundred and sixty feet high, and half an Italian mile in circumference. Some vintners have lately dug wine-vaults here, and as the wine is kept perfectly cool in the summer, they have a great demand for it.

The obelisks near the Lateran, St. Mary Mag-giore, St. Maria sopra Minerva, in the Vatican, before the Rotunda, in the piazza Navona, in the villa Medicea, in the villa Mattei, and some others are all

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all of Egyptian granite, and of such enormous size, that it is not a little surprising how the ancient mechanics, who were ignorant of the improvements of latter ages, could move such prodigious masses from place to place. With regard to the ships and floats on which they were transported from Egypt to Italy, Pliny and Suetonius may be consulted. Some of the learned will not allow these obelisks to have been dug out of the quarries in one single piece, but suppose the ancients were possessed of a secret, either as it were of casting them, or working the materials into a certain texture, which, being moulded into a proper form at the place where it was to be erected, was there dried, either by air or fire; but, if this had been really the case, how came Heliogabalus's design of erecting a column of extraordinary design and height, with a stair-case within it, to be frustrated? For Lampridius tells us, that this project came to nothing, merely for want of a block of granite suitable to the emperor's vanity.

The ruins of Pompey's theatre, which, according to Pliny, would contain forty thousand spectators, are now inclosed in the Orsina palace.

In the *Notitia Imperii*, we are told, that the number of temples in ancient Rome amounted to four hundred and twenty; but now it would be no very easy task to ascertain the proper situation, even of the tenth part of them.

I shall conclude this description of the city of Rome with observing, that whoever would see all the above-mentioned curiosities, must be very industrious to dispatch them in six weeks, and also previously furnished with proper information to reap the advantage proposed to himself from such a survey.

The gates of Rome are never shut, so that, at any hour, either of the night or day, one may go in or out at pleasure. In travelling from this city to Naples, the best method is to ride on horse-back, as the cheapest way of travelling. I would not advise

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Just beyond Terracina are the ruins of the temple of Janus; the palaces of Julius Cæsar, Adrian, and other remains of antiquity; particularly the Via Appia, which here extends from Mola to the river Garigliano. This famous road derives its name from Appius Claudius, the censor, who extended it from Rome to Capua, at his own expence. It appears from Tacitus, Strabo, and Horace, that it was carried as far as Brundisium; but they make no mention of the person by whom it was continued. The stones of this pavement are about a foot square, and so hard and firmly cemented, as to have endured the continued frictions of carriages for several hundred years: it is twenty palms broad, and consequently sufficient for two carriages to go abreast. From Terracina there is a fine view of the sea to the right, which is so near the road, that, at the distance of an Italian mile from that town, there was a necessity of breaking down a piece of rock to clear the way, which there runs close by the sea. Three miles further, on this road, is the frontier wall of the kingdom of Naples, called Portello, which extends itself, according to some, from the hill to the sea, or, at least, to a fort, where, in time of war, the Neapolitans have a garrison.

In going from Rome to Naples, it is requisite to be furnished with a passport, which will be given by the imperial minister, or the cardinal-agent, gratis; and, in returning from Naples to Rome, another passport must be procured from the viceroy: in both of them is specified the time of their continuing in force. The ecclesiastical state, and kingdom of Naples, are distinguished by giving the appellation of La Campagna to the former, and Il Regno to the latter: but the difference between them is sufficiently visible; the kingdom of Naples being much more populous, and better cultivated than the papal territories.

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It is with pleasure, that I recollect the elegant prospect, all the way, from Fondi to Itri: the country, on the right, produces garden-stuff, flax, and corn, interspersed by rows of vines, the upper branches of which are interwoven in a very beautiful manner. This prospect terminates with the sea, by which means this charming scene is diversified by a multitude of Tartans, and other vessels sailing on it. The prospect on the left hand is not at all inferior, being variegated with vines, olive and mulberry-trees, lofty cypresses, and orange-groves, and terminated by a distant chain of mountains.

The first town, on this side, in the Neapolitan dominions, is Fondi, which, in the year 1534, suffered extremely by the attempt of Hariaden Barbarossa, to carry off the beautiful Julia Gonzaga, countess of Fondi, with a view of presenting that celebrated beauty to the grand signor: however, if the story, related of her, be true, her modesty was of a most savage nature. They say, that a gentleman, who rescued her in her shirt, at the utmost hazard of his life, was afterward assassinated by her desire, merely because he had seen her almost naked. Had this execrable murder been committed by her husband Vespasian Colonna, in a fit of jealousy, so natural to the Italians, the lady would, in a great measure, have been innocent; but surely she must now be considered as more notorious for her cruelty, than famous for her chastity. Barbarossa, being disappointed of his prize, vented his rage in pillaging and destroying the town, not even sparing the tombs of the two dukes of Colonna; beside exercising the most horrid acts of cruelty, he carried many of the inhabitants into slavery.

Mola is an imperial port, and has a custom-house and a garrison, which is relieved weekly from Gaeta. Near Mola are the ruins of a palace, which, according to some inscriptions said to be found in it, belonged to Cicero; but the grotto and Tiberian vaults

vaults were very much damaged, in the present century, by the imperialists, who, during the siege of Gaeta, made this place their magazine. It was on a journey from hence to some other place, that Cicero was assassinated by that ungrateful monster Popilius Lænas, whom that orator's eloquence had saved from the gallows. The fortress of Gaeta is situated three Italian miles from Mola, and is an hour's passage by water: it derives its name from Cajeta, Ænea's nurse, who, according to Virgil, lib. 7. both died and was buried here.

On the Monte della Trinita the Benedictines have a church, near which is a large fissure in the rock, from the top to the sea; said to have been made miraculously, at the time of our Saviour's passion. This opinion is founded upon modern, and consequently suspicious tradition, and is absolutely contradicted by those who confine all the miracles, which the holy scriptures mention to have accompanied the death of Christ, intirely to the country of Judea. But, whenever this earthquake happened, the effect of it is really surprising: the chasm is between four and five feet broad near the surface of the sea, and still wider at the summit. You pass through it, by a flight of steps, to a little chapel, called del Crocifisso, from whence there is a beautiful prospect of the sea. From the chapel to the church above, are fifty-nine steps, of which fifty-one are in the cleft of the rock; from whence, to the landing-place, are eighteen more. The monks present strangers with little pieces of the rock, and to these Roman catholics pay a very great veneration, and give a small offering, or alms, to the fathers; who, in return, assure them, that they are now possessed of an infallible cure for the head-ach, the epilepsy, hard labour, and other disorders. Ships, as they pass by the lower chapel, generally salute it with a gun, and, lying upon their oars, either pay their devotions, amidst some music, or send a-shore a small pecuniary offering to the convent, at least equivalent

valent to the expence of a salute. It is even said, that Turkish vessels have often sent a sum of money to the monks, in consequence of vows made for their preservation in stormy weather, upon directing their devotion toward this chapel.

The Franciscan convent here boasts of its having been the residence of the founder of that seraphic order, as they term it. Without the Porta di Ferra, is shewn the place, on the sea-shore, where St. Francis stood, when he preached with such energy, that the very fishes miraculously raised themselves above the surface of the water, listening to his voice. The tower of the cathedral is said to have been built by Frederic Barbarossa, by way of expiation for the crimes he had committed. Contiguous to the door of the castle, which stands on a hill, is shewn the body of the famous Charles, duke of Bourbon, with a lower jaw of wood, inserted to supply the place of the natural one, long since decayed. As this nobleman was killed in storming Rome, and consequently under the pope's excommunication, and openly in arms against the holy see, his remains were denied burial in consecrated ground; and to leave him unburied, or deposit his body among the common people, did not seem consistent either with his high rank, or the eminent services he had performed for the emperor; the Spaniards, therefore, determined to dry his corpse like a mummy, and place it here, so that it is not at all surprising, that his face has contracted a black colour. He stands in a closet, with yellow boots on, and red facings; the stockings, which come but a little above the boots, are bordered with fine l.c.c. In 1719, general Prampere, governor of the city, had this skeleton new clothed in blue, with silver trimmings, placed a sword by his side, a cane in his hand, and a hat and feather on his head.

Notwithstanding the eulogies made on this famous warrior after his death, it is well known, that a Spaniard,

niard, in whose house he had taken up his quarters, set fire to it the next day after his death, to efface the memory of its having harboured a traitor: Formerly the officers of this garrison, on public rejoicings, used to take off the duke's skull, and drink healths out of it; but this savage custom having given rise to several quarrels, some of which were productive of unhappy consequences, it was intirely prohibited.

Old Capua, the pleasures of which quite enervated Hanibal's army, lies two Italian miles from the New, on the right hand toward Naples. Of its ancient magnificence, nothing remarkable now remains, except some few ruins of an amphitheatre; it having successively felt the barbarous ravages of the Vandals, Ostrogoths, and Longobards, who levelled every thing with the ground. The distance between New Capua and Naples is sixteen Italian miles; and the road lies through as charming a country as most in Europe. The country on each side is finely diversified with gardens, vineyards, and corn-fields. In some places the vines climb up the lofty trees planted on each side of the road, and, by interweaving their luxuriant branches with those of the tops of the trees, form a kind of beautiful festoons. In the months of February and March, seven stages in a post-chaise can hardly be travelled from morning till night; but, in the long days of summer, the journey from Rome to Naples, which is seventeen stages and a half, is performed, with ease, in two days.

[The kingdom of Naples is bounded on the north-east by the ecclesiastical state; but on all other parts, by the Mediterranean and Adriatic. Its extent from the south-east to the north-west, is 280 miles; and from north-east to south-west, from 96 to 120 miles.]

On account of its fertility, Naples is justly termed an earthly paradise; for it abounds with all sorts of grain; the finest fruit and garden-productions of every

every kind; rice, flax, oil, and wine, in the greatest plenty and perfection. In Calabria are gathered large quantities of manna, and, both here and in other parts of the kingdom, saffron, equal to the Oriental in value, is produced.

This kingdom also affords alum, vitriol, sulphur, rock-crystal, marble, and several sorts of minerals. The wool is excellent both for fineness and strength; and it produces silk in such abundance, as to supply foreign countries with its manufactures of that kind. Its wine disputes the preference with the richest and most noted climates for that commodity. It has noble and numerous flocks and herds of cattle, and, particularly, the Neapolitan horses are so famous, that the bare mention of them is sufficient. Beside these productions, the greatest part of which is exported, and the returns made in hard coin into the kingdom; the trade in stuff, and excellent soap, is a considerable fund of wealth. I must not omit here a particular kind of manufacture, which is principally carried on at Taranto and Reggio, and took its rise from a sort of hairy or woolly filaments growing on a certain species of shell-fish; out of which materials, the inhabitants, having found out a method of cleaning and preparing them, at present knit waistcoats, caps, stockings, and gloves, reputed warmer than those of wool*. This stuff, indeed, falls far short of silk in softness and fineness; but, on the other hand, it always retains a particular gloss. The natural colour of this shell-wool is an olive-green; the muscles on which it grows, are found in great plenty about the islands of Malta, Corsica, Sardinia, and in the gulph of Venice.

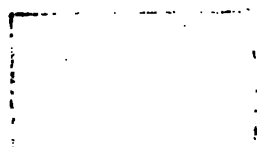
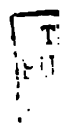
Among the natural curiosities of the kingdom of Naples, may be accounted also the *Lepis Phrygius*, or *Petra fungifera*, as it is commonly called; which,

* A shell, with a pair of gloves of this manufacture, are to be seen in the British Museum.

when laid in a shady and damp place, spontaneously produces, in a few days, fungi, or champignons, according to the magnitude of the stone; and these may be eaten. But it is a mistake to imagine, that this vegetable is produced purely from a stone; the lapis Phrygius being no other than a conglomerated hard assemblage, composed of earth, rotten box-wood, and the filaments of several plants, under which the champignon-seeds lie concealed, and these so very minute, as, of themselves, to be hardly distinguishable from dust, unless by the help of a microscope. But that, even in this natural production, fungi are generated from homogeneous seeds, is evident from hence, namely, that, if a fungus be not left to ripen so long on such a stone till it has shed its seeds, the stone, at last, quite loses its vegetative quality. Warm water is poured upon this lapis Phrygius, particularly to forward the vegetation of the seeds; for it penetrates into the smallest interstices, dilates the pores of the stone, causes a fermentation in the inclosed sap, and thus warms the seeds, that they speedily germinate. Spring is the season for these stones, when in their natural position on the earth, to produce champignons; but, if laid in pots, and covered with some earth, in order to impart the necessary moisture to them, they yield them at all times of the year. They are met with in great plenty, and of all sizes, in the lower parts of the ecclesiastical state, and further on near Fondi, Gaeta, Ileri, about Naples, and other parts of that kingdom*. The warmth of the climate, and richness of the soil in Italy, is very proper with a suitable moisture previously given it to produce truffles, potatoes, morels, champignons, and the like vegetables, of an uncommon largeness.

The fiery eruptions of mount Vesuvius, often strike a terror into the neighbouring country; but as

* An account of the mush-room stone, was published some few years since by Dr. Hill.





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every thing which seems to be noxious, brings also some advantage with it; so this mountain, by the sulphureous and nitrous particles with which it manures the ground, and the heat of its subterranean passages, contributes, not a little, to its uncommon fertility: the same effect is observable from mount *Ætna*, in Sicily. Those are observed to be the most fruitful parts, where great quantities of sulphur, salt, saltpetre, and other minerals are found. But, where there are no fiery volcanos in such places, the fermentation and ebullition of those inflammable substances would be productive of the most dreadful effects: whereas, at present, they find some vent, and make frequent discharges. As it is found also from experience, that this country is subject to fewer earthquakes, and those less fatal in their effects, after the eruptions of the subterranean matter through the mouth of Vesuvius; so the inhabitants are not at all alarmed at seeing the vernal explosions of this mountain, when they are not violent; nor is the air, by that means, rendered more unhealthy; but, on the contrary, Barra, lying at the foot of Vesuvius, and near the sea, is remarkable for its salubrity, beyond many other places.

The upper part of Vesuvius is, indeed, intirely covered with ashes and stones, but its lower parts produce three sorts of costly wine, namely, *Vino Greco*, yellow muscadel, and the well known *Lachrymæ Christi*, as it is called: the second sort has the most agreeable flavour, but will not bear any long exportation. At Pietrabanca, a bottle of it is sold at a carlin and a half, or about six-pence. The *vino Greco* is the produce of vines transplanted hither from Greece, and which have answered very well. The *Lachrymæ Christi* takes its name from the drops of juice which fall from the grapes when full ripe.

This year, as early as the end of February, mount Vesuvius began to emit flames. The smoke might be seen about three stages distant from Naples, and
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rising directly up in the air like a large black pillar, till the wind had broke and dissipated it. This happened every three or four minutes, after which time, the top of the mountain might be plainly seen, till a new eruption came on, for a few minutes, casting out the ashes, stones, and smoke. The various agitations of the smoke, by the wind, have caused some persons to imagine, that they beheld several kinds of frightful figures, so that it is not surprising, that, according to Dio Cassius, lib. xvi. in Vespasian's time, a variety of giants was seen in it. The smoke is not immediately dispersed as soon as it comes out of the mountain, but expands itself in long streaks thro' the sky resembling thick clouds: in the night-time, almost after every explosion, a short fiery pillar was seen to shoot up from the mountain, but extinguished before it fell down again. Probably, this effect only proceeded from the ignited stones thrown up in a perpendicular direction, the greatest part of which, especially in calm weather, fall down again into the caverns whence they issued. After waiting, to no purpose, for eight days, till the eruptions of the mountain should abate, at the expiration of which time, it was rather to be apprehended that they would become stronger, and last longer, than I proposed to stay at Naples; on the 14th of March I resolved to set out and visit this mountain, notwithstanding its fiery explosions.

The parties, to go upon such an expedition, must not be over numerous, as not only hackney-horses are scarce at Naples, but the peasants (whose assistance is absolutely necessary on such occasions) living on the mountains, are too few to attend on a large company. The distance from Naples to the foot of Vesuvius (here commonly called Monte di Somma, either from *Plutone Summano*, or from its height or summit, called *Summita*, or from an adjacent manor called *Somma*) is five Italian miles, including the circuit round the bay, to the foot of the mountain, from whence

whence to the summit is near three miles farther. It seemed formerly to have been consecrated to Jupiter Tonans, as appears from an inscription at Capua, mentioned by Parrini, *Jovi Vesuvio Sacrum*, D. D.

Mount Vesuvius, like Parnassus, consists properly of two hills or mountains; though that which lies on the right, as you return from Naples, only emits fire and smoke. The valley betwixt those hills is about a mile long, and extremely fertile; the height of the burring summit, which is the lowest of the two, is computed to be eleven hundred fathoms above the surface of the sea. This mountain, by a sudden eruption, in the year 1631, laid waste all the neighbouring country; and a warning, or caveat, was cut in stone in the Latin tongue, and set up at Refina, a village within three miles of Naples, to admonish the inhabitants to fly in time, when threatened with an eruption.

This unfortunate event, in 1631, reached three miles on the sea-coast, namely, to Torro del Greco, whereby three convents, and other buildings, were entirely destroyed.

From Refina, the acclivity of the ground increases; but you may still continue on horseback. Here are several stones scattered about, as memorials of its former devastations, and are half calcined; but the greatest part of them have been gathered by the peasants, to make fences for inclosing their vineyards. It is astonishing to think of the impetuosity by which such huge bulks of four or five hundred weight have been thrown several Italian miles distant from the hill.

At last you arrive at the ascent of the mountain, where it is impossible to ride any farther, being covered with ashes and cinders. Here the horses are left to the care of the servants, and shoes substituted for boots, for the more expedition on foot. Near this a hermit hath made himself a mean habitation, where he continues till the danger of the mountain

becomes so formidable as to drive him away. As travellers return from the mountain fatigued, this hermit stands ready with a flask of wine to refresh them, for some trifling gratuity, as his order does not prohibit him from taking money.

The peasants of the adjacent villages swarm here to attend strangers, and often more than are necessary; which makes them so assiduous, that they often quarrel with each other for their chance, as it may be called. A traveller ought, therefore, to carry fire-arms on these occasions, they being a base thievish crew, and wear at their sides a sort of cutlafs. They are, beside, so void of shame, that while the travellers are resting themselves, they jeer one another with their obscene and villainous pranks. During the short time we continued at the skirts of the mountain, they boasted they would conduct us to the top; nay, to the very mouth of this vulcano; but the higher we ascended, the more timorous they grew, and at every little blaze which issued from the mountain, implored the assistance of the Virgin and St. Januarius; telling us the danger we were exposing ourselves to: so that we were obliged to encourage them to keep up their spirits. They wear leathern belts, which travellers take hold of, in order to render their ascent more easy. If the two peasants who go before, are not strong enough to drag them up, one goes behind and shoves. Every prudent person ought to agree first, before he engages these hirelings, and, at dismissing of them, to add a small gratuity, as they have otherwise been known to have proceeded to a mutinous rudeness.

The mountain being steep, and covered with black ashes, the ascent is very difficult; for the ashes cause you often to slide several steps downward; and, in places clear of ashes, the ruggedness of the cinders is attended with equal difficulty. That sulphur lies here a foot deep, as a certain author asserts, I never could perceive; but among those droffy clods and cinders,

cinders, I met with some red and yellow substances, seemingly impregnated with sulphur. You cannot follow in the steps of your guide, the ashes filling up the impression made by the foot.

It has often been known, that from this volcano has issued a flood of lava, or composition of sulphur, metals, minerals, and the like, to the great damage of all the contiguous parts. The scoria of this ejected matter lies still one layer or stratum upon another, with large stones projecting above the surface, which, in their course along the fiery river, were stopped by their inequalities, and fixed in the melted matter, gradually hardened; for had the stream been intirely fluid, it would have settled and cooled in a more uniform surface. In the year 1694, the country was visited with one of these fiery rivers of lava, and the burnt stones, though forced under the melted matter with poles, immediately emerged again. These streams or currents are not thrown up from the mountain, like the stones, but pour down, as from an inclined vessel; so that it seems as if such an effusion must proceed from the whole cavity, the recesses of the mountain of melted substances being absolutely full. Some, from a pretended calculation, have asserted, that during the eruption in the year 1694, so great a quantity of this igneous matter was discharged, that in some places the surface was sixty ells above the surface of the ground; and that if the whole had been accumulated in one mass, it would have equalled, in bulk, the mountain from whose bowels it was emitted.

About half way from the summit of the mountain, we met with stones at least an hundred weight, glowing hot, which, when broken, had exactly the appearance of red-hot iron. They contained a heat sufficient to set paper on fire; and our guides affirmed, that they had just been ejected from the mountain. I saw about ten or fifteen of these, but none either tumbling
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down the mountain, or in motion in the air. As we proceeded farther, our ears were saluted with the most horrid noise, resembling the explosion of a whole battery of cannon at a distance; and under our feet we perceived a rumbling, like the continual boiling of a large cauldron. Upon making a hole in the ashes some inches deep with a stick, a sensible heat was immediately emitted, and, in some places, greater than one's hand could bear. At several places we perceived the smoke to issue out, as it were, through small fissures. I was at a loss, for a long time, what to make of little round holes that appeared in great numbers about the size of those made by the finger; but, at last, I found them to be receptacles for wasps and hornets, who, finding themselves oppressed with cold, retire hither in the night-time. At last, after many weary steps, we reached the place where the largest volcano was formerly situated; but it is now not only choaked up, but by frequent eruptions covered with a round pile of ashes and lava. Here the increase of heat was very sensible, especially at every explosion, when the ashes flew so strongly in our faces, that we were obliged to hold something before them, to defend our eyes. The ground also was so hot under our feet, that the flug burnt the very soles of our shoes: here our ears were not alarmed with the dreadful noises we heard when ascending the mountain, but every eruption was attended with a whizzing noise, like that of a great number of rockets thrown up at once. The multitude of stones, the clouds of smoke, and other materials thrown up into the air, resemble the springing of a mine, and totally obscure the sky. Most of the stones, especially when of any considerable weight, fall again perpendicularly into the abyss from whence they were projected, and, probably, this is often repeated, till they are, at last, thrown without the verge of the aperture. Great quantities, however, fall on the sides, and roll down with such a hideous noise as to strike the spectator with

with terror. As the wind drives the smoke, ashes, and stones generally more one way than another, a person has thereby an opportunity of chusing a favourable station; but, if the eruptions are violent, you cannot approach any side with safety. We could perceive no flames in the day-time, and, very possibly, the heat we felt, at each explosion, proceeded from the melted lava and ignited stones projected into the air, which, at night, appear like red-hot bullets.

According to Pompeius Sarnella, bishop of Bisceglia, the upper mountain first appeared on the 26th of September 1685. I imagine we might have about eight hundred paces still to ascend over sharp stones and deep ashes: but, at the time we were at the foot of the mountain, the eruptions succeeded each other every two or three minutes, so that we must have stood out upward of eight shocks before we could have reached the top. But the hazard, which continually increases, the nearer you approach to the summit of the mountain, becoming evidently greater, and it being impossible to persuade the peasants, our guides, to proceed any farther, we agreed to return. In all probability, had we ventured to the aperture of the mountain, we should have seen only smoke and vapour. It is, therefore, very ridiculous for travellers to pretend, that, during an eruption of the mountain, they have been at the top, and, looking down the hollow abyss, have observed it all on fire, and running together, with great violence, like the ebullition of sulphur, bitumen, and metal in a furnace. Some ingenious friends, of unquestionable veracity, who have been, several times, at the top, when the mountain was still, have assured me, that, by reason of the smoke, they could but very seldom see the bottom of the cavity; and, when they did, it was subject to great variation, for sometimes it was of a prodigious depth, and, at other times, hardly more than a hundred feet, according to the diversity of the rising or falling of the melted matter from the last eruption,

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by the induration of which, the bottom is formed. Some travellers are so daring, as to venture a considerable way down into the cavity; but actions of this kind can be productive of no real advantage, and, about two years ago, proved fatal to an English gentleman, who lost his life by his temerity. If, soon after an eruption, a stone be rolled down the aperture, it is followed by a frightful noise, and a cloud of smoke. It is two hours labour to climb to the top of the mountain, but you return much easier, and in less time; for one often slides down upon the ashes upward of four paces at a step. Some days afterward, as the wind sometimes drives abundance of ashes into the city of Naples, they have recourse to processions, and the invocation of St. Januarius, in whom, as their guardian upon all such occasions, the inhabitants repose a particular confidence: though, of late years, for their better security, they have given him the archangel Michael as an associate. Their devotion, it must be allowed, is very well grounded, if what they say be true, that, immediately upon the meer exposing of the saint's head, after the proper supplications have been offered to him, the wind has shifted, and the smoke been, consequently, removed from the city, and the fury of the burning eruptions abated: so that it is not at all surprising, that the governor of the Capella del Tesoro, belonging to the cathedral where the reliques of this saint are preserved, has caused a large medal to be struck, on one side of which is St. Januarius, and on the reverse are the two phials, in which his miraculous blood is kept, and under them a garland.

Sextus Aurelius Victor, and other historians, who affirm, that it was in the reign of Vespasian, the fiery eruptions of mount Vesuvius were first observed, may be easily confuted from Strabo, who lived in the time of Augustus: and it is also false, that Pliny the elder lost his life on this mountain. For, from the account given by Pliny the younger, concerning his
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uncle's death, it is evident, that he was far enough from Vesuvius, and being very fat, and troubled with an asthma, he was suffocated by the gross and sulphureous air.

Since the birth of Christ, historians have recorded upward of twenty memorable eruptions of mount Vesuvius; but it is probable, that, during all that time, the number must have been much greater: one of the most violent was that just mentioned, which happened in the reign of Titus Vespasian, and destroyed the two cities of Herculaneum or Heraclea, and Pompeii, which formerly stood near Naples.

Dio Cassius says, that the ashes, during that eruption, were driven as far as Africa, Syria, and Egypt, and even at Rome the sun was darkened by them.

The great variety of minerals, and other substances, thrown out by Vesuvius, is a sufficient proof of the internal constitution of this vast hollow, and whence its fiery eruptions arise. For, upon mixing quick sulphur and filings of iron together, and kneading them to a paste, with the addition of a little cold water, this mass is not only immediately heated, but it breaks out into a perfect flame. Lemery had once an artificial volcano, of this sort, in his garden at Paris, which spontaneously took fire; and modern chemists have carried their improvements so far, that by the bare mixture of two liquids, previously prepared for that purpose, they can produce flame. When the sea is calm, a great deal of petroleum is often found floating on its surface, at Refina Torre, (two small places near mount Vesuvius and the sea), which the fishermen take up with pieces of sponge, and sell to the apothecaries. That mount Vesuvius has a communication with the sea, experience plainly shews, the waters being surprisingly absorbed, in 1681, as a prelude to the eruption of the mountain, so that several vessels, afloat before, were left dry. Also, by what happened in the year 1698, when the sea suddenly ebbed twelve paces, and the mountain discharged a
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large torrent of bituminous matter; on the return of the sea to its former height, and a cessation of the igneous discharge, great quantity of shells, and other testaceous substances, were found along the shore, half burnt, and emitted a sulphureous smell. Parrini and Boccome affirm, that, in a violent eruption of mount Vesuvius, hot sea-water, fish-shells, and sea-weeds, have been ejected by that mountain.

This volcano, however, affords several fresh springs, of which some are conveyed to Naples, by a beautiful aqueduct, to the great conveniency of the inhabitants. These waters have not the least heat in them, and a cold wind is felt to blow from several fissures and chasms of the mountain. I shall further remark, that, though a new hill has risen on the summit of Vesuvius, over its former aperture, yet it is still less than its former height; of this we have an ocular demonstration. The same may be said of mount *Ætna*.

The climate of the city of Naples, and the south part of that kingdom, is such, that little or no winter is perceived there, and garden-stuff and vegetables are in season all the year: ice is seldom seen in the level country, or plains; and, in the last five years, snow was known to fall but twice, and then it dissolved as soon as it touched the ground. The inhabitants of the mountains make it their business to gather snow, and carry it to Naples, where it supplies the want of ice for cooling their liquors. The extream summer heats never fail of being tempered with cool breezes in the evening, which are spent in taking the air on foot, and in carriages, after being confined, within doors, during the sultry heat of the day.

It will not be difficult to form a proper estimate of the fertility of this kingdom, and the riches of the country; for, considering how long it has been under a foreign government, which, by contributions, troops, wars, and other circumstances, must necessarily have drained it of large sums, yet it is still in a much better condition than many of the states in Italy;

Italy; and capable, by proper measures, of affording new sources of wealth. The tobacco-farms, alone, produce near thirty thousand ducats annually; but, amidst its fertility, and other natural advantages, the kingdom of Naples labours under many heavy inconveniencies. Beside the calamities it is subject to, from the frequent eruptions of Vesuvius, it also suffers greatly by earthquakes, particularly the southern borders of the kingdom, in all parts of which are astonishing remains of cities, once famous in history, but now almost without a name.

Another disagreeable circumstance, but common to most parts of Italy, is occasioned by the swarms of lizards, especially of the green kind, which abound almost every where: in the spring, hundreds of these are seen basking themselves on the roofs, and crawling up and down the walls, so that no door or window can be left open, without the room being filled with them: the green lizards are very nimble, and have a fine, bright, sleek skin, and beautiful eyes, but are entirely harmless. About Fondi, Capua, and Gaeta, are a noxious kind of lizards, vulgarly, but improperly, called *tarantulæ*, whose bite or sting is attended with great danger: they are brown, larger than the green sort, and, when deprived of their tails, resemble a toad. The scorpions are a greater nuisance; they harbour not only in old walls, and under stones, but infest houses in this country, so that, in some places, it is customary to make bedsteads of polished iron, and to place them at some distance from the wall, to prevent these vermin from getting into the beds. It is true, they seldom hurt, unless they are first assaulted, which may easily happen, either by turning one's self in bed, or moving a leg or arm in one's sleep: the surest remedy against the sting of these noxious creatures, is to bruise the animal, and bind it fast on the wound; or, if that cannot be done, the best way is to foment it with oil of olives, in which dead scorpions are infused, applying warm bandages to the part; and, at
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the same time, to give the patient theriaca, with generous wine to raise a gentle perspiration. This oil is likewise a specific against the sting of the spider *solifuga*, in the northern parts of Italy : this creature has little or nothing of that venom which appears in the hotter climates, in Malta and Africa. The venom or poison of the viper hath also the same gradations, according to the proximity of the country to the equator. Modern authors have asserted, that the scorpion being surrounded by fire, and perceiving the flame to approach nearer, and the heat more intense, and finding no way to escape, turns up his tail, and strikes himself in the head. This assertion appeared to me very suspicious, and made me think, that this pretended suicide was no more than the natural motion of the animal on such occasions. Being at Naples, I was resolved to bring this vulgar error to the test of repeated experiments, which proved that it was only a mere fiction.

Another plague, peculiar to the kingdom of Naples, chiefly in the southern parts, is the tarantula; so called from the city of Taranto, in the neighbourhood of which they abound, and are the largest and most venomous. Pliny and other writers call them *phalangius*. The person bit by this spider is called, by the Italians, *Tarantolati*; and their extravagant vicissitudes of shrieking, sobbing, laughing, dancing, are very well known. Few of these patients can bear the sight of black or blue, but seem delighted with red and green objects: they are also seized with an aversion to eating fruit and vegetables. A melancholy silence, and a fixed eye, are the first symptoms by which the bite of the tarantula discovers itself: music is then immediately called in to the assistance of the patient, to rouse him to a violent motion, and, by that means, to procure a strong perspiration; but neither the same tunes, nor the same instruments answer the same purposes, with regard to the different patients. The tarantolati dance and skip

as long as there is any venom left to be expelled: this exercise and cure sometimes takes up five or six days. It is not to be supposed, that they are continually dancing for so many days; but when nature is exhausted, and the music suspended, the patient is put to bed, well covered, and such cordials given him, as promote perspiration, and cheer the heart. The patient, upon his recovery, remembers nothing of what passed during the disorder. If the cure be not perfectly effected, and the poison intirely expelled, the same symptoms never fail to return the succeeding year, especially during the summer heats; and some have laboured under these terrible disorders at intervals, for ten, twenty, or even thirty years, and others during their whole lives: nor are instances wanting of persons, who, meerly from a sense of their incurable disorder, or from its melancholy effects, have destroyed themselves. Women, on account of their long cloaks harbouring such vermin, are more liable to be bit than men: the bite of a tarantula causes a small red swelling, not unlike that occasioned by the sting of a wasp. In the dog-days, and during the intense heats of summer, the tarantula is most dangerous, especially those found in the plains; for those found in Tuscany do not produce such mischievous effects as that kind found in Apulia.

In the island of Corsica are neither wolves nor vipers, whereas its tarantulas and scorpions are extremely venomous.

But, among the worst creatures in this fine country, some reckon its inhabitants in general, who are of a treacherous, distrustful, cruel, and unsteady disposition. Though it is no easy matter to give national characters, it is certain, however, that the history of Naples, almost beyond any other, yields numerous and deplorable instances of the extream depravity of human nature. Tophana, the noted female poisoner, from whom the Aqua Tophana took its name, is still in prison here, and most strangers, out of curiosity, go to see her: she is an old little woman, who had

belonged to some religious sisterhood, for which reason her life has been spared; though she sent many hundred people out of the world, and, in particular, was very liberal of her drops, by way of alms, to married women, who would, it may well be supposed, have no great regret at getting rid of disagreeable husbands. From four to six drops of this liquid is a quantity sufficient to do a man's business, and some affirm, that the dose may be ordered so as to take effect in a determinate time. This water is still privately made at Naples, under the name of *Aquetta di Napoli*. But since lemon-juice has been found to be a kind of antidote against this water, it is not now in such high repute. But all the antidotes, hitherto found out, presuppose the potion to have been recently administered, or, upon any suspicion, previously guarded against by such preservatives.

The voluptuous manner of living among the inhabitants of this country has been remarked even in ancient times. With regard to the present times, it must be allowed, that in no place are the abandoned licentiousness and impudence of prostitutes carried to so great a height as in this city. This entirely corrupts the young people; and even the clergy, not being subject to the civil power, and connived at by their superiors, lest the sacred function should suffer the smallest disparagement, are but indifferently careful to set a good example.

The common people in this country are so lazy, as to prefer beggary or robbing to labour. But in the city of Naples they are more industrious, and several manufactures flourish among them. It is a common saying here, that the viceroy, in order to keep this country quiet, must take care to provide three things which begin with an F, namely, *feste, farine, forche*, feasts, meal, and gibbets; the people being excessive fond of public diversions, clamorous upon any scarcity of corn, and seditious, unless awed by examples of severity. Among the public entertainments, is the procession, with four triumphal cars, on the four Sundays

Sundays immediately preceding Lent; the first loaded with bread, the second with flesh, the third with all kinds of vegetables, and the fourth with fish. These are piled up almost as high as a house, with a band of music on the top, and guarded by armed tradesmen, till they are given up to be pillaged. But what draws the greatest concourse of people at Naples, is the castle of Cocagna, or Cucagna, as it is called; which is a regular piece of fortification, and faced all over with quarters of meat, shins of beef, bacon, geese, turkeys, and other provisions, with which the country of Cocagne is imagined to abound. This spectacle is annually exhibited, and on each side of the castle is a fountain running with wine for a whole day; a party of soldiers is planted to guard the works till the viceroy appears in his balcony, which is the signal for the populace to take the place by storm.

The Neapolitan nobility usually spend some years in a frugal retirement on their estates in the country, that they may make a more splendid figure, for a while, in the city: for which reason they are always running into extreams, though their fortunes are not considerable enough to support such profusion. They are so numerous, that in the kingdom of Naples are reckoned a hundred and nineteen princes, a hundred and fifty-six dukes, a hundred and seventy-three marquisses, forty-four counts, and four hundred and forty-five barons, all vassals to the crown. A spot of land, from which many of them have the title of marquis, has hardly an income of fifty dollars a year.

The number of regular forces now quartered up and down throughout the kingdom, amounts to four thousand men, which is very far from being sufficient to keep this nation in awe, in case of the approach of any enemy.

With regard to the currency of coin in this country, a Spanish pistole, or an old French Louis d'or, go here for forty-five carlini. The papal money is also current, and three paoli are equal to four carlini.

By a ducat, simply so called, is meant an imaginary coin of account, equivalent to ten carlini.

The city of Naples lies in $41^{\circ} 20'$ north latitude. Its walls, which mostly consist of hard, black, quarry-stones, called Piperno, are nine Italian miles in circuit; but, including the suburbs, between eighteen and twenty miles. Though Naples has not such fine palaces as Rome or Genoa, it has not many such mean houses, as, in other cities, disgrace the most beautiful streets. The roofs of the houses are flat, and surrounded with elegant balustrades. The streets are also very well paved, and mostly consist of broad free-stone; but they have no slope from the middle, or kennels to carry off the water. The best street, for breadth and length, is la Strada di Toledo, but not a single palace, of any note, is to be seen in it. It is between twenty and twenty-three common paces broad, and five hundred in a straight line, after which it runs in a gentle curve. Were the streets lighted at night, it would be both an ornament to the city, and a great security in walking through them.

[Mr. Sharpe is very full in the particulars he gives, and the remarks he makes, respecting the city and inhabitants of Naples; a few of which we shall select.

"The road from Rome to Naples is bad enough, the inns are still worse; nay, worse than those on the Loretto road; for, in the town of Loretto, there was good accommodation; but all the way to Naples we never once crept within the sheets, not daring to encounter the vermin and nastiness of those beds. I attempted to please myself with the conceit of travelling the same road that Horace did in his journey to Brundisium: but my sensations were too strong for my fancy. The swampy soil and marshes on the right-hand, with a string of barren mountains on the left, for scores of miles together, may amuse, but cannot delight a traveller. Did we not know that ancient Italy was infinitely more populous than it now is; did we not know that populousness renders a country

country rich and chearful, I should have suspected those masters of the universe had, in their haughtiness, and, from a contempt of all other nations, called theirs the Garden of the world: for, beautiful and fertile as some parts of it are, the amazing quantity of barren mountains, extending from almost the one extremity to the other, should seem to deprive it of that character: and, however bold the assertion may appear, I think England a better resemblance of a garden than Italy; and should not hesitate to oppose our verdure and inclosures, to their myrtle and orange-trees, which last, by the bye, are not to be seen in the winter, except in the southern parts of Italy.

Whilst I was in England, I never heard the words northern climate pronounced, but they conveyed to me an idea of barrenness and imperfection. I had always conceived, that vegetables and garden fruits attained a flavour and favouriness in the more southern climes, unknown to the latitude of 52° ; but, to my great surprize, I do not find that any of their herbage is equal, in taste and sweetness, to that which grows in our gardens; and, what is still more surprising, few of their fruits excel ours; I believe none, except their water-melons, their grapes, and their figs.—

From Capua, (about four miles from the ruins of the ancient Capua) the road to Naples is very pleasant; the gardens and vineyards on each side are well cultivated; however, the district of Capua does not answer to the idea we have of its luxury in the times of Hannibal, if I may judge from the great difficulty I found of procuring a morsel of dinner in that town.

Some parts of the Alps exhibit a most delightful and tremendous prospect, and were the first great object I met with amongst the marvellous. I think the city of Venice floating on the water, with its beautiful adjacent islands, may be ranked as the second; and I will venture to mention St. Peter's as the third,

though it partake not of beauties derived from nature, being a meer work of art; but, above all, I admire the heavens, the earth, and the sea of Naples. The islands, the mountains, the bay, the buildings, and the slope on which the buildings stand, render the view of this city enchantingly pretty. Since my arrival, we had blustering weather, and more thunder and lightning than I ever knew in July, in our latitudes; but the sea is so sheltered that there is no horror in the scene, and the streets are so well paved, that they become clean and dry in a few hours after a deluge. I can imagine, and am told, that the heats of the summer are dreadful, but, thank God, they are not to be my concern; I am to enjoy the sweets only of a Neapolitan winter, and, as far as I can judge, they are unspeakable to a man who suffers in his lungs from moisture and cold. Damps are little known in this place, neither furniture nor walls suffer from that circumstance; and for temperature of the air, suffice to inform you, that, in order to write this letter comfortably, I chuse to open the windows. Could an asthmatic man jump from London to the lodgings I have taken, though at any risk of his neck, he would do well to venture; but I cannot say it would be worth while to go and return as we do, through so much filth, and so many sufferings from bugs, lice, fleas, gnats, spiders, &c. —

You tell me, two or three husbands are lately separated from their wives, and bemoan the degeneracy of the age in these instances. We here read with astonishment that the examples are only two or three in so large a kingdom. Were Italians to separate either on the account of indifference or gallantry, there would be almost as many divorces as marriages. It appears to us, that, because some separate where there is no affection, others may remain together because there is affection, a passion in a manner almost unknown betwixt husbands and wives in this climate. When I pass so severe a censure on the state of matrimony

mony in these kingdoms, do not believe that I speak from a spirit of detraction, or without good grounds: I believe I can much more satisfactorily solve this phenomenon, than the ingenious Montesquieu does the different characters of different nations, from the various latitudes in which they are situated, &c. How is it probable the husbands and wives should have any esteem, much less love for each other, when they are always brought together without the least participation of their own? The fathers never consult the liking of the young people, but look forward to the endowments of the next generation, which are comprised in two words, fortune and family. All that I have here said is so literally true, that it very seldom happens the parties know one another before the marriage articles are drawing up, and, perhaps, do not visit twice, before the day of consummation.

Bad as the above system is, it would not be sufficient to diffuse universal unhappiness through the domains of Hymen: chance and good sense would now and then render this sort of union agreeable, and even friendly; but that abominable and infernal fashion of taking a cicesbeo so soon after they have quitted the altar, is a never-failing measure to estrange whatever affection might otherwise have sprung up. Many people in England imagine the majority of cicesbeos to be an innocent kind of dangling fribble; but they are utterly mistaken in the character; nor do I find that it is understood here that the ladies live in greater purity with their cicesbeos than with their husbands; and, generally speaking, with much less. To say the truth, I myself have seen princesses, dutchesses, and their cicesbeos, visiting with the same unconcernedness, as an honest citizen and his wife do; nor, after a little habit and use, do they afford me more matter of speculation. To give you an idea in one word, how much the mode of inseparableness is established, suffice it to say, that if you invite five ladies to dinner, you of course lay ten plates, as

each, for a certainty, brings her *cicesbeo* with her. You are not to imagine, that when I speak of an invitation of ladies, that a single woman is ever thought of: nor are there more than two unmarried ladies in this metropolis, who visit; all the others are locked up in monasteries.

Children here have very little tendency to support the friendship and harmony of the married state; with us, the joint interest of both father and mother in their little ones, with perhaps the blended features they each discover in their progeny, does not contribute in a small degree to heal any accidental breaches, or at least, to make them live on good terms for the sake of their posterity. In Italy, a certain knowledge of every wife's attachment to a lover, extinguishes all social affection, and all fondness for the offspring. It is only the eldest born, who the husband is sure belongs to him; and for that security, it is generally requisite, the birth should take place the first year, as the women seldom hold out longer without a *cicesbeo*; indeed how should they? for a husband will not wait on his wife to a public place, and it is not the fashion for women to go, as in England, without men. I have been told, by a grave Neapolitan old gentleman, the fault is intirely on the side of the husbands, who are fickle from the nature of the climate, and cannot continue constant to their wives many months; so that the poor women are driven into this measure: but, whether the practice arise from levity or compulsion, the consequence is dreadful to society, if there be any real delight, any charms in virtue, and mutual love.——

Mr. Sharpe gives us the following account of the theatres at Naples. — “A stranger, upon his arrival in so large and celebrated a city as Naples, generally makes the public spectacles his first pursuit. These consist of the king's theatre, where the serious opera is performed, and of two smaller theatres, called *Teatro Nuovo*, and the *Teatro de Fiorentini*, where

where they exhibit burlettas only. There is also a little shabby kind of a play-house, where they perform a comedy every night, though the drama has so little encouragement at Naples, that their comedies are seldom frequented by any of the gentry, but seem to be chiefly an amusement for the populace.

The king's theatre, upon the first view, is, perhaps, almost as striking an object, as any man sees in his travels. The amazing extent of the stage, with the prodigious circumference of the boxes, and height of the cieling, produce a marvellous effect on the mind, for a few moments; but the instant the opera opens, a spectator immediately perceives this structure does not gratify the ear, how much soever it may the eye. The voices are drowned in this immensity of space, and even the orchestra itself, though a numerous band, lies under a disadvantage. Upon the whole, it must be admitted, the house is better contrived to see than to hear an opera. It is not to be omitted, amongst the objections to the immense largeness of the house and stage, that, in windy weather, you would imagine yourself in the streets, the wind blows so hard both in the pit and boxes; and this seldom happens without causing colds and fevers.

There are some who contend, that the singers might very well be heard, if the audience were more silent; but it is so much the fashion at Naples, and, indeed, through all Italy, to consider the opera as a place of rendezvous and visiting, that they do not seem in the least to attend to the music, but laugh and talk through the whole performance, without any restraint; and, it may be imagined, that an assembly of so many hundreds conversing together so loudly, must entirely cover the voices of the singers.—

An Englishman wonders at this behaviour of the Italians; he comes with a notion that they are all enthusiastically fond of music; that there is something in the climate which gives them this propensity, and that

that their natural genius is nursed and improved by a musical education; upon enquiry, he finds his opinion almost groundless; very few gentlemen here practise the fiddle, or any other instrument, and all the young ladies are placed in convents, where they remain until they marry, or take the veil, and where music is no part of their education; whereas, in England, the fine ladies have also an acquired taste, the effect of assiduity and cultivation.——

It will be natural, then, to ask, after this account, how it happens that Italy furnishes all Europe with musicians? The answer is, that the infinite quantity of music exhibited in their churches and chapels, provides bread, though the wages be small, for a prodigious number of performers; and, as trade is despicable, and laborious employments are held in detestation, parents are induced to bring up their children to this profession, which they can do at a small expence: for there are several hundred youths brought up to music, in their conservatorios, or charitable foundations. Now, where there are so many hundreds in continual practice, it is not strange that emulation and genius should, every now and then, produce an excellent performer, who, if he be well advised, will certainly set out for England, where talents of every kind are rewarded ten-fold above what they are at Naples, except in the single instance of the first class of opera singers, who are paid extravagantly.

Notwithstanding the amazing noisiness of the audience, during the whole performance of the opera, the moment the dances begin, there is a dead silence, which continues as long as the dances continue. A stranger, who has a little compassion in his breast, feels for the poor singers, who are treated with so much indifference and contempt: and I find, by their own confession, that however accustomed they are to it, the mortification is always dreadful; and they are eager to declare how happy they are when they sing
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in a country where more attention is paid to their talents.

From the regard shewn to the dances, a person would suppose that a superior excellence was to be expected in this art; but Naples does not, at present, afford any very capital performers, nor do the dances which have been brought on the stage this season, do much honour to their taste. They are, in general, tedious, with incidents and characters vulgar and buffoonish.

The Neapolitan quality rarely dine or sup with one another, and many of them hardly ever visit, but at the opera; on this account they seldom absent themselves. It is customary for gentlemen to run about from box to box, betwixt the acts, and even in the midst of the performance; but the ladies, after they are seated, never quit their box the whole evening. A lady receives visitors in her box one night, and they remain with her the whole opera; another night she returns the visit in the same manner, in the intervals of the acts. principally betwixt the first and second, the proprietor of the box regales her company with iced-fruits and sweet-meats. Beside the indulgence of a loud conversation, they sometimes form themselves into card parties; but, I believe, this custom does not prevail so much at present as it did formerly. There is a notion in England, that the Italians frequently sup in their boxes, and that, by drawing the shutters in front, they may be in private; but there are no such shutters, and the practice of supping is so rare that I have never seen it.—

The two burletta opera houses are not in much request, except when they happen to procure some favourite composition, the grand opera being the only objects of the Neapolitans; which, indeed, has such pre-eminent encouragement, that the others are forbidden by authority, to bring any dancers on their stage without a special licence, lest they should divert

vert the attention of the public from the king's theatre. I must not omit a singularity, in relation to the women dancers at Naples, that, in consequence of an order from court, in the late king's time, they all wear black drawers. I presume it was from some conceit on the subject of modesty, but it appears very odd. I shall not enter into any detail of the two houses; but their dresses, scenery, and actors, are more despicable than one could possibly imagine.

The play-house is hardly better than a cellar, and is really very much known by that name, being usually called the *cantina* (cellar.) You descend from the street down ten steps into the pit, which holds seventy or eighty people when crowded, each of which pays a carline, that is four pence halfpenny, for his admittance. There is a gallery round the pit, which is formed by partitions, into ten or twelve boxes. These boxes holding four persons conveniently, let for eight carlines. Under these discouragements it will not be difficult to conceive that the scenes, the dresses, the actors, and the decorations of the house, must be very indifferent: it will not, however, be so easy to imagine the shabbiness of the audience, which chiefly consists of men in dirty caps and waistcoats in the pit, for the boxes are generally empty. All the Italian gentlemen and ladies are very indelicate in the article of spitting, never making use of a handkerchief, or seeking a corner for that purpose; but in the *cantina*, their nastiness is offensive to the last degree, not only spitting all about them, but also on every part of the wall, so that it is impossible to avoid soiling your cloaths. This habit is carried by some to such excess, that I cannot ascribe the leanness of many Neapolitans, and the fallowness of their complexions, to the abundance of this evacuation.

The drama is so little cultivated in Italy, that I believe they seldom or never act a tragedy; at least,
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I have never yet heard of such a representation, nor has it been my good fortune to see a comedy of more than three acts. The principal entertainments seem to arise from double entendres and blunders, mistaking one word for another, and even from dirty actions, such as spitting or blowing the nose in each others faces; just as we see practised in England on the stages of mountebanks, and on the outsidcs of the booths in Bartholomew-fair: but what appears most essential to the delight of a Neapolitan audience, are two or three characters, such as Punch and the Doctor's man, who speak the dialect of the lower people, which is unintelligible to a foreigner, however well he may understand pure Italian; and it is chiefly by these characters that the company is recreated.

It would conduce much to the improvement of the manners and literature of this people, were some of the quality to give their protection to the stage. It cannot be doubted that a Mæcenas would now, as formerly, in the same climate, call forth the poetic spirit; and it is a little wonderful this event does not take place, as there is a kind of propensity amongst them to patronize comedy: for, during the carnival, there are three or four plays represented several nights, by private persons, and by convents, at their own expence, which meet with great applause. They perform with remarkable humour and exactness; nor do the fathers scruple to wear women's dresses, and appear in very lascivious characters.—How extremely capricious, that the same mother-church should suffer her sons to play at Naples, and deprive the poor French comedians of Christian burial at Paris!"

His remarks on the people are no less pertinent and amusing.—“The populousness of Naples is so remarkable, that a stranger, the first time he passes through some parts of the city, would imagine the people were assembled in the streets on some extraordinary occasion; but the truth is, that some thousands

sands of the populace (called the Lazaroni, or Black-Guards) have no other habitation than the streets, and much the greater part of the other portion, having no employment, either from the want of manufactures, or their natural propensity to idleness, are sauntering in the streets from morning to night, and make these crouds, which are not seen in other places, but upon festivals, elections, &c. It is computed that Naples contains three hundred, or three hundred and fifty thousand inhabitants; and I suppose it is the only metropolis in Europe which furnishes its own inhabitants. All the others are supplied with people from the provinces, the luxury and expensiveness of large cities being so great an impediment to marriage, and populoufness, that they would all, in the ordinary course of nature, be depopulated in a few years; were they not annually recruited from other parts. But in Naples the case is different, from a singular custom amongst the gentry of hiring married, in preference to unmarried servants. In Paris or London, very few servants can hope to be employed who are not single, and therefore an infinite number of this class of people pass their lives in celibacy; as the instances are but rare in those cities where footmen and maid-servants can support themselves after marriage by a different occupation.

In Naples it is almost an universal fashion to keep their men-servants at board wages, not admitting them to sleep in their houses; this naturally leads them into marriage, as it gives them a settlement so essential to the character required by all ranks of masters. But what seems still more to facilitate matrimony, in this order of people, is the prodigious number of young women ready to accept the first offer; for in Italy they are not taken into service as in England: a nobleman who keeps forty men-servants, has seldom more than two maids. This circumstance, with the difficulty a woman has to acquire her living here by any other means, is the rea-

son why they seldom make an objection to the certain poverty attending matrimony. The swarms of children in all the streets inhabited by the poor, are such as will necessarily result from this practice; and as a married couple, though they have six or seven children, never occupy more than one room, the extreme populousness of Naples must, consequently, follow from such causes.——

The Lazeroni, or black-guards, are such miserable wretches as are not to be seen in any other town in Europe; perhaps amongst the ashes of our glass-houses in London you may find some not unlike them; but here the number is said to be six thousand, not one of which ever lies in a bed, but upon bulks, benches, &c. in the open streets; and, what is scandalous, they are suffered to sun themselves, a great part of the day, under the palace walls, where they lie basking like dirty swine, and are a much more nauseous spectacle. Being almost naked, they suffer extremely in cold weather, and were the climate less mild, they would certainly perish. The convents at Naples are rich, and make a practice of distributing broth and bread, once a day, to the poor who apply for charity; and it is merely by this charity that the Lazeroni principally subsist, though by pilfering and begging, some of them acquire enough to appear healthy and robust.——

I can venture to declare, that the streets in London appear like a desert, compared with many in Naples. But if I wonder at the fullness of their streets, how shall I describe their Vicaria, their Westminster-hall? If I remember well, Mr. Addison says, that when a Neapolitan does not know what to do with himself, he tumbles over his papers in order to start a law-suit; but, sincerely, if the kingdom of Naples were as extensive as the commonwealth of Rome, when at its highest pitch of glory, and every cause were to be tried in the capital, the thousands of lawyers you see here would answer to that idea; but
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how they are supported is to me a problem. The first time I went to the Vicaria, I was mortified to have set out so late from home, finding the streets crouded with advocates in their way to dinner; but notwithstanding the difficulty of threading the multitude, who were pouring out in such numbers, I found, when I had pushed into the hall, almost as much pressing as we usually meet with the first night of a new play in our London theatres. What a blessed country, where all who are not princes or beggars, are lawyers or priests!

The manner of burying their dead in Italy is at first very shocking to an Englishman. Their custom is, to carry the corpse, dress in his usual wearing apparel, with his face exposed, on an open bier, through the streets, to the church where the service is read, after which it is stripped, and at a convenient hour buried; but there is a pride and rivalry among the middling rank of people, in dressing out their dead children for this exhibition, which is truly ridiculous. The other day there passed under our window the body of a boy, about eight years old, whose figure and face were as hideous as the small-pox could make them: would you believe, the parents had dressed him in a fine laced hat, bag-wig, blue and silver cloaths, &c. and, above all things, had not forgot to stick a sword on! I do not in the least doubt but the friends found a real consolation in the prettiness and richness of the corpse, and were amongst their neighbours more occupied with this idea, than with that of the eternal absence of the child.—I have not had the good fortune to meet with an Italian yet, who is well enough read in the history and customs of his country, to inform me of the origin of this practice; but I should conjecture, that it was at first designed to prevent foul play. The reality of every man's death is now evident to the whole parish; and I suppose some such imaginary evil was the ground of this conceit; but it is a fashion I must condemn.

for the aspect of death should never be suffered to become familiar to the common people, with so much brimstone in their veins as the Neapolitan mob have ; —but there are ways to render men capable of butchering a man and hog with the same *sang froid*. One would think, that at Naples the police had cultivated this art ; for the most atrocious parricides are seldom punished here. I think the last four years have furnished but four examples of executions ; and as if a fatality were to attend all their judgments, two of the four proved afterward to have been innocent. If a murderer touches a church wall (and many walls are church walls in this city) before he is seized by the officers, holy church will not admit him to be hanged.”——]

The harbour of Naples is spacious, and, for its greater safety, has a mole, about five hundred paces in length, and also a light-house. The large harbour, or *Porto della Cita*, is divided by the mole from the *Darsena*, which is behind the *Castella Nuovo*, where commonly lie four galleys, the sailors and soldiers of which are obliged, every Lent, to come to confession, and receive the sacrament. After the devotions of the first galley, follows a day of rest ; after those of the second, a like interval, and so on. In the evening, when the procession, usual on such solemn occasions, is over, or when the host is exposed, all the galleys honour it with a salute.

[Mr. Sharpe’s account of the galley-slaves runs thus. —“ The slaves in the galleys are chained two and two, and may be thought to suffer from lying on the decks ; but their condition is far preferable to that of many of the poor, who lie in the streets ; beside that they have a certain allowance of bread from the king, and even some cloathing ; but above all, and what renders the life of a poor Neapolitan happy, they are, in a manner, exempt from labour, for very few are employed in cruizing, or other business : what work they do aboard the vessels, is chiefly

for their own benefit, and I may say, luxury. If a taylor, a shoemaker, or any other handicraftsman earns a few pence, he puts it into his pocket, and purchases some rarity, the government, as I have intimated before, furnishing him with bread. The galleys lie very near my lodgings, and I have diverted myself with speculating on the lives and manners of these slaves. The Neapolitans are not a gay mercurial people, but those aboard the galleys are by no means graver than those out of the galleys; and a man who has visited them so frequently as I have done, will never afterward, when he means to picture extreme misery, represent it as the proverb does, in the shape of a galley-slave. I have seen a musician aboard, entertaining them with vocal and instrumental music, whom I supposed one of their gang; but, upon enquiry, found he was a poor man, they paid for his performances when they were disposed to be merry: and I do not doubt but this poor man stiled those we call wretches, his good masters. If then so sober, so phlegmatic a nation as Italy, finds such delights aboard a galley, what do you think of the lively skipping Frenchmen in the galleys at Marseilles?"

Naples is provided with many fountains, which are a very great ornament to it, though the water in most of them is but indifferent. The finest among these is that of Medina, opposite to the *Castello Nuovo*, the upper basin of which is supported by the three Graces. The Neptune standing upon it with his trident, and several other figures eject great quantities of water.

Of all the palaces in Naples, the chief is that of the viceroy; and, with regard to its beauty, it is a sufficient encomium to say, it is the work of that celebrated architect, *Car. Fontana*.

Castello del Nuovo has its name from its oval figure, and stands in the water on a rock, joined to the continent by a bridge, two hundred and twenty paces in length.

length. It is said, formerly, to have joined to the firm land, and was anciently the palace of Lucullus; but altered to its present form by the Norman kings, on which account it was for a long time called the Norman castle. The castle is supplied with fresh water by means of some stone conduits, supporting several marble figures, representing animals of all kinds. The water is conveyed from the city under the bridge to the castle, where there is a reservoir for receiving it.

The third castle, which commands the city of Naples, is that of St. Elmo, or St. Eramo, so called from a church dedicated to that saint, which formerly stood on this spot. It stands upon an eminence toward the west, and is in the form of a star, with six rays. The fortifications were chiefly erected by Charles V.

The subterraneous passages of this place are very spacious, and hewn out of a rock, so that they are bomb proof; and, on that account, a great quantity of military stores are deposited here. The castle can likewise be supplied with provisions from *Castello Nuovo*, by means of a subterraneous communication, at present walled up. In the upper part of St. Elmo's castle, are seven cisterns for receiving water; and under the vaults a reservoir large enough for two galleys to sail in. The water in the latter is always extremely cold, and is drawn from it by a bucket.

The arms of the city being a horse, there formerly stood one of brass near the church of *di Santa Restituta*, of an extraordinary size; the vulgar have a notion that it was cast by Virgil, whom they will have to have been a magician. They had also superstitious notions of the great efficacy it had in all distempers incident to horses, which were brought from all parts, and led round this statue: so that, at last, in the year 1322, Maria Caracci, archbishop of Naples, to abolish so silly a custom, destroyed the statue, and from the metal cast a large bell for the

cathedral. The head is still entire, and reserved as a memorial in the Caraffa family, among a collection of statues and bas-reliefs. Charles, king of Naples, having made himself master of the city after eight months siege, ordered a bit to be put in the mouth of this horse, as an emblematical representation of his having tamed the Neapolitans.

To such influence, respect, and opulence, have the clergy of this kingdom attained, that more than once they have been ready to seize the civil power, and intermeddle with affairs quite foreign to the cure of souls. But with regard to outward ceremonies, the devotion of the Roman Catholics of this kingdom is not so violent as in many provinces in Germany: at the elevation of the host in the churches, or in the streets, when carried to a sick person, none of any other religion is compelled to kneel to it. They make little difficulty with travellers about eating flesh in Lent; on the contrary, the inn-keeper's first question is, even before they have alighted, what the company would please to eat; and, in some places, fish, and the like meagre meals, are not so acceptable to an host, as from these he cannot make out any considerable bill.

The vivacity and acuteness of the Neapolitans (as they do not always meet with a satisfactory solution of their scruples in religion, and want an opportunity of better information, either by books or verbal instruction) sometimes carry them into wild systems, and very often into atheism; and the more they are under a necessity of concealing their notions of this kind, the deeper root they take, so that it is with great difficulty that any of these are reclaimed.

Most of the churches here have, indeed, but ill-contrived roofs and sorry fronts; and most of the marble monuments within them fall very much short, in extraordinary size, of those frequently to be met with at Rome; but, in other respects, with regard to their beauty and richness, hardly any other Roman Catholic

Catholic country can equal them; so that only the jewels and costly altar-furniture, amount to several millions of dollars. It must be acknowledged, to the honour of the clergy here, that they are extremely complaisant to strangers, and give themselves a great deal of trouble to gratify their curiosity, in shewing them every thing. It would be a work of time to see all the churches, the number, both of the parochial and conventual, amounting to three hundred and four.

S. Agnello is famous for a crucifix in the chapel belonging to the family of Monachi, which reproached a debtor for denying. some little time afterward, a sum of money he had formerly borrowed in its presence.

Behind the high altar, in the cathedral, which is detached from the rest, and entirely of a fine red porphyry, are two silver doors before the shrine, where is kept the head of St. Januarius, with two glass or crystal phials, containing some of his blood, which is said to have been gathered up by a Neapolitan woman, the very day that saint suffered martyrdom. The external form of these reliques is drawn on the outside of the silver tower or shrine: beside the three usual times in the year, for exposing them to the veneration of the people, the like is also done on emergent occasions of famine, pestilence, violent earthquakes, or any other public calamities, in which the favourable interposition of St. Januarius is thought necessary. The pretended liquefaction of the dried blood in the phials, as soon as brought near the head, is a thing very well known; and particularly every first Sunday of May, trial is made with it; the Neapolitans being strongly persuaded, that on the success of this miracle depends the whole prosperity both of the king and country throughout that year: whereas, from the blood failing to liquefy, they have the most dreadful apprehensions, and immediate re-

course is had to processions, public flagellations, &c. in order to avert the impending danger.

The substance in the phials is of a brownish red colour, and looks like balsam of Peru, which may easily be liquefied. On the day this miracle is to be performed, the blood is placed amidst a great number of lights; when the phial which holds it, being within another smaller, and about an inch in length, is applied to the mouths and foreheads of vast numbers of people, who crowd to have that happiness; the priest, all the time, turning it a thousand different ways: so that, by the warmth of his hand, the heat of the lights, the effluvia from such crowds of people, in a hot season of the year, and lastly, the warm breath of the devotees, who kiss it, together with other circumstances, it may easily be imagined, that a previously condensed fluid may be restored to a state of liquefaction. At length, however, the priest cries out, *Il miracolo è fatto*. "The miracle is performed." But this miracle is not peculiar to the blood of St. Januarius; the like is also said to be done by that of St. John the Baptist, St. Stephen, St. Pantaleon, St. Vitus, and St. Patricia, in the respective churches of Naples, where these reliques are kept, and commonly on the days dedicated to those saints. Over the entrance of the old vestry, belonging to the above-mentioned *Capella del Tesoro*, is a bust of St. Januarius, in touchstone, before which are two small phials, half filled with a red kind of liquid. The silver statues, chandeliers, lamps, altar-cloths, and other utensils, with which the new chapel is crowded, are valued at upward of a hundred thousand scudi.

S. Genuario extra Mœnia, or *ad Fores*, is also called *ad Corpus*, the body of St. Januarius having been first interred there; and close by it is the entrance into the catacombs, which, of the four hitherto discovered at Naples, are the most spacious and best preserved.

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Such as are of opinion that these subterraneous vaults were made by the primitive Christians for places of retreat, from the violent persecution of the Pagans, may easily be confuted from a bare inspection of the Neapolitan catacombs, which are hewn out of a rock; and consequently so great a work could not have been done privately, or without a vast expence: not to mention, that during the superiority of the Pagans, the number of Christians, either in Rome or in Naples, was not so considerable as to accomplish it in a short time. The sandy soil at Rome, perhaps, would not admit of making these subterraneous passages wider than what we actually find them; but in the neighbourhood of Naples, the case is quite otherwise, where the work was formerly carried on through a rock; they are not only very lofty, and arched, but so broad, that six persons abreast may walk in them.

That the Romans buried their deceased, long before the establishment of Christianity, is beyond dispute; nor could the Christians want such spacious repositories for their dead. The bodies are here deposited along the sides of the wall, in small cavities, in five or six rows one over another, and the cavity, when full, was closed up with a marble slab or tiles; but as most of these are now removed, fewer Heathen inscriptions are to be found here than in the catacombs at Rome. The bones, said to be those of the primitive Christians, have been removed into the consecrated vaults of the churches; the bones that now lie heaped up here being chiefly the remains of those who died of the plague in the year 1656. At the entrance of the first vault, in St. Genario's catacombs, is a marble bas-relief of St. Januarius, in a reclining posture, to point out the spot where this saint has been buried so many centuries. Behind it is the marble seat of St. Severus, contiguous to the grave wherein he was first deposited.

Near this are the tombs of Agrippina, Corentius and other saints, together with a mosaic altar placed in a small cavity in the wall. They tell you, that in most places there are three passages, constructed one over another: but be this as it may, those branching out are very narrow, and in many parts walled up, to prevent robbers from making use of them as their retreats. Here is one particular vault of such a height, that its top cannot be discerned by the light of the flambeaux. In another large empty vault, which our guide told us was the cathedral in the primitive times, are two large pillars, which support an arch hewn out of a rock; and near them an ancient baptistry.

Every curious traveller, who is desirous of reaping a proper advantage from his travels through Italy, should not omit spending some days in observing the country round Puzzuolo, Cuma, &c. In the road leading from the suburbs of Chiaia to the *Grotto del Monte di Pausilypo*, on an eminence to the left, is a garden, now in the possession of Paolo Russo, where are the ruins of an ancient mausoleum. It was originally in the form of a pyramid, but the lower part, which is all now remaining, resembles a large oven; but a guide will be necessary to find the way, which, toward the cave of Pausilypo, is so narrow, and runs along such a high precipice, that it is dangerous to persons subject to swimings in the head. This piece of antiquity is said to be the tomb of the poet Virgil, but without any foundation for such a conjecture. In the wall, within, are ten small niches or cavities, intended for the reception of urns.

In going by water from Naples to Puzzuolo, not far from cape Pausilypo, you pass by a dome, hewn out of a rock, supposed to be the remains of a temple of Venus, though vulgarly, for what reason I know not, called *la Scuola di Virgilio*.

Formerly, in going from Naples to Puzzuolo, it was necessary to cross mount Pausilypus, which was famous

famous for its delightful prospect; but at present that trouble is saved by a broad subterraneous road hewn through the mountain in a straight line. The entrance at each end is near a hundred feet high; but toward the middle, much lower. On each side of the mountain, near the middle, two large vent-holes for air and light, are cut through the roof of this grotto. The light, however, is not sufficient, and the dust very troublesome. The bottom of it was, in the time of Pedro de Toledo, viceroy of Naples, paved with broad stones like the city, and is cleaned several times a year, when it is pretty free from dust. The breadth is between eighteen and twenty feet, so that two carriages may conveniently pass one another. The length of this subterraneous passage is about three hundred and forty-four *cannæ*, or something above half an Italian mile. Near the middle of the passage, on the left, is a small chapel or oratory hewn out of the rock, in which a lamp is kept constantly burning. The vulgar ascribe this grotto to Virgil, whom they will have to have been a magician. The Neapolitan writers in general pretend, that it was the work of one Cocceius. Seneca, in his fifty-seventh letter, complains greatly of its dust and obscurity. Possibly, the cutting of a road through the mountain might not at first be thought of; but the large quantity of stones that were, from time to time, hewn out of it to supply the buildings of Naples and Puzzuolo, might occasion such deep evacuations on both sides, that at last, for the benefit of travellers, they determined to penetrate through the intermediate space, and open a passage through the bowels of the mountain. That this passage is the effect of human industry, is evident from the traces of chisels and other tools. The earthquakes which have made such havock in these parts, have hitherto spared this useful work.

At coming out of the grotto of Pausilypo, the road turns on the right-hand, and brings you into a
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delightful country, decorated with vineyards, through which you pass to the *Lago d'Agnano*, of a circular figure, and about an Italian mile in circumference. In some parts of it, about high-water, is a strong ebullition; and, on approaching near it, the motion of the water is perceptible, and possibly proceeds from the violent ascent of the effluvia, but without the least degree of heat. On this lake stand the sudatories of St. Germano, consisting of some apartments built of stone, where the heat and sulphureous vapour arising from the earth, easily cause a profuse sweat.

Within less than a hundred paces of these salubrious sudatories, is a small natural cavity, known by the name of *Grotta del Cane*, or, *the Dog's Grotto*; a dog being the animal commonly pitched upon, to shew the surprising effect of the vapour in this cavity.

It is about twelve feet in length, five broad, six high, and twenty paces distant from the lake of Agnano. The ground at the top and on the sides, is of a dusky green colour; and the vapour ascending in it, is condensed into very clear drops, unless, as this effect is not always constant, these rather proceed from the rain-water collected from the hill above it.

This grotto is continually open, having no door to it. On the way to it is a hut where dogs are kept purposely, to shew strangers the effects of this cave. The owner of the dog, going into the cavern, holds the creature forcibly down to the ground, when, in a minute and a half, or two minutes time, he is seized with violent convulsions, which continue for a minute and a half longer, till at last he lies quite motionless. The man indeed, during the operation, is almost on his knees, but keeps his head up as high as possible, that the vapours, in their ascent, may not affect him. The dog, having lain between two and three minutes, in all appearance dead, is thrown into an adjacent lake, where, in half a minute, he shews some signs of life, and continues giddy for about a minute

minute after he is taken out, and reels in walking; of a sudden recovers, and leaps on his master with the utmost joy and fondness. It must however be observed, that if any creature be too long in the grotto, it dies irrecoverably; and that some animals can endure it much longer than others.

Properly speaking, it is not the water, nor any particular quality in the lake of Agnano, that recovers the dog when seemingly dead, but the fresh air, in which alone, though much slower, the animal is found to come to himself. In this case, the water has the same effect as on a person in a swoon, by invigorating the respiration, the entire suppression of which would otherwise be followed by certain death. The effluvia which float copiously near the bottom of the grotto, and never rise higher than ten inches, become mortal, probably by their subtilty stopping the circulation of the blood; and this is also evident from the dissection of a frog which died in this cavern, not the least air being perceivable in its lungs.

On the same account, and for want of dense air, or from a stagnation of it, a lighted torch immediately goes out, when lowered from the upper part of the grotto to within ten inches of the bottom; and not only the flame is extinguished, but even the snuff; and the smoke, being pressed by the dense air above, is observed to make its way out at the mouth of the grotto forward, not in a perpendicular, but horizontal direction, at the distance of about ten inches from the bottom. To this rarefaction of the air it is owing, that a loaded piece, when placed at the bottom of this grotto, will not go off, nor will the powder take fire; which last is, however, effected when a quantity of powder is set on fire by means of a train laid on a narrow board, whereby the vapour at the bottom is driven out of the grotto.

About three Italian miles from the extremity of the main land, lies the Island of Caprea, sufficiently
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noted for the dissolute life of Tiberius in his infamous retreat.

On the right, nearer to Puzzuolo, lies Monte Secco, on which are only a few small shrubs, and a kind of broom. The summit of this mountain, which was anciently in the form of a cone, is now sunk into a concave oval, whose conjugate, or shortest diameter, is about 1000 feet, and its transverse, or longest, 1246. It is generally known by the name of *Solfatara*.

A lover of natural curiosities must be highly delighted here, as he may see Vesuvius in miniature, without any apparent danger or trouble. Though Vesuvius is two German miles distant from Solfatara, these two volcanos have a communication with each other; it being observed, that the smoke, heat, and force of the subterraneous fire are less violent in Solfatara when Vesuvius rages, and affords a vent to the sulphureous vapours; whereas, on the other hand, the heat of the former increases when the latter is at rest.

On the surface of this mountain are several fissures or cracks emitting smoke; in proportion as they are extended, the heat is increased, so that at last it becomes insupportable. A sword, or other piece of iron, being held over one of these spiracles, a sweetish kind of fluid drops from it; but a piece of paper is not the least moistened, though confined for a long time over one of the chasms, but becomes very dry and stiff. The stones near these holes and cracks seem to be in continual motion; and small stones, dropped into these holes, are ejected to the height of twelve feet, and sometimes thrown on one side, like the more ponderous masses from Vesuvius. In some places the sand, by the force of the vapours, springs up and down near the spiracles, like the sparkling of cyder or champagne.

The stones near these apertures are covered with a yellow substance, resembling the yolk of an egg
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boiled hard, with a white efflorescence or bloom upon it, which they say is the sal ammoniac.

At the time I visited Solfatara, some workmen were employed on a vein of a greyish kind of ashes, intermixed with whitish sulphureous stones, several feet in thickness. These ashes exactly resemble those ejected by mount Vesuvius in extraordinary eruptions, and which have been known to cover the streets of Naples five or six inches deep. They also, beside sulphur, extract vitriol, of a sapphire colour, better than that of Rome, and also the best kind of alum. The large leaden kettles, used in this operation, are not heated by a culinary fire, but by the natural heat issuing thro' the holes in the ground over which the vessels are placed. Beside these, this district yields excellent gypsum, and of the earth itself they make vases and cups, which are drank out of, and reckoned very beneficial in several disorders. The hot vapour, issuing through these apertures, is said to be of great use in pains of the eyes, ears, limbs, and stomach; the head-ach, bilious fevers, and sterility.

In this valley was formerly a boiling lake of black water, the ebullition in which sometimes rose upward of ten feet high: but nothing of this is now to be seen, nor is there any rivulet on the surface of the ground in all this plain. There are, indeed, subterranean rivers, one of which directs its course toward Puzzuolo. The soil hereabout is so hollow, that it is dangerous riding over it. On a spot near the place where the sulphureous stones are dug, I caused a hole to be made a foot and a half deep, and a stone, weighing about fifteen or twenty pounds, to be thrown into it; upon which a rumbling noise was immediately perceived under the ground, like that of thunder, or the discharge of cannon at a distance; and from the long continuance of the sound, and its various repercussions, it was natural to conclude, that it was reflected through a great many caverns. In several places, by only stamping on the ground with

with the foot, the effect was exactly like that of striking against a vault. The sulphureous effluvia of Solfatara frequently reach as far as Naples, and tarnish the marble and silver utensils.

The ancients, misled by poetical fables, were of opinion that the giants were confined in the abyfs, under the Solfatara, and that the effluvia from the earth was owing to their eruptions. Even Dio himself says, that these giants often appeared, both by day and night, before some dreadful eruption of mount Vesuvius. Nor has Christianity itself banished these chimeras; a thousand idle stories are told of spirits frequently appearing on the borders of this mountain, and uttering doleful lamentations: whence the vulgar conclude, that these spiracles extend either to hell, or, at least, to purgatory. Nor are the Capuchin monks, of a neighbouring convent, wanting in their endeavours to propagate such ridiculous tales. Their church is built on the spot where St. Januarius is said to have been beheaded. A great heat is continually perceived in this structure, and principally issues from some holes before the high altar. Here is an elegant marble bust, supposed to represent St. Januarius, and said to be the work of a Pagan artist, from the mere description of that saint, given him by the devout women who gathered up his blood. This bust serves as an original for all sculptors and painters in their statues or portraits of St. Januarius.

Puzzoli is eight Italian miles from Naples, and derives its Latin name, *Putoli*, either from a sulphureous vapour, or the great number of *putei* or pits made here, by carrying on the sulphur works, and digging for sand, which was here anciently found under water, and very good for buildings.

The situation of the city is on a declivity, and the many beautiful stones thrown up by the sea on the shore, are a sufficient proof of its former wealth and splen-

splendor. Many of them are, indeed, of a blue or red colour ; but others are verde antico, porphyry, &c. and seem to have been used in mosaic works ; among them are also frequently found agate, cornelian, amethyst, jasper, onyx, beryl, lapis lazuli, and the like ; and many of them cameos and intaglios. This city has suffered very much from the devastations of war, inundations, and earthquakes, especially from the latter, in the year 1538.

[Mr. Sharpe gives us a ludicrous tradition relating to this place, as follows :—“ I am not to tell you that St. Januarius is the patron of Naples, their guardian saint. There is a famous statue of him at Puzzoli, which the Saracens, in one of their expeditions to this kingdom, wantonly defaced, by breaking off his nose, which one of them carried away in his pocket. Upon this, storms arose, and continued blowing so violently that they could never put to sea, till providentially some of them thought it was owing to the resentment of the image, who would not be appeased so long as his nose was in their possession : upon which they threw it into the sea ; and fine weather immediately succeeding, they sailed prosperously to their havens. In the mean while, the artists endeavoured to repair the image with a new nose ; but neither art nor force could fasten one on : at length, some fishermen took up the original nose in their nets ; but disregarding it, because they did not know what it was, they flung it again into the sea ; nevertheless, the nose continuing to offer itself to their nets in whatever place they fished, they began to conceive it must be something supernatural. One of them, more cunning than the others, suggested it might be the nose of the saint ; upon which they applied it to the statue, to examine whether it fitted, and immediately, without any cement, it united so exactly, as hardly to leave any appearance of a scar ; in which state we now see it.”—]

Puzzoli has a very commodious harbour, and in it fourteen piers, rising above the surface of the water, which were, in the time of the Romans, joined together by arches. The pillars are built with large blocks of that species of stone called *piperno*, faced with brick-work; and the interstices are filled up with a very hard mortar, made with Puzzoli sand.

We now return back across the country, to Loretto, on the coast of the Adriatic. In the way between Rome and Loretto, lies the city of Spoleto, situated on the acclivity of a mountain: it is a town of mean appearance, but, like others of the lower class in Italy, contains many romantic inscriptions concerning its antiquity, and other trifling occurrences which have happened there.

Loretto is famous throughout the whole Christian world, for the *Casa Santa*, or house in which the Virgin Mary is said to have dwelt at Nazareth. It is pretended to have been carried by angels through the air, in the month of May 1291, out of Galilee to Tersatto in Dalmatia; and from thence four years and a half afterward to Italy: in which country, about midnight, on the 10th of December 1294, it was first set down in a wood, in the territory of Recanati, about a thousand paces from the sea. If we will believe Turiellini, all the trees, on the arrival of this sacred mansion, bowed with the profoundest reverence, and continued in that posture till they gradually withered. But this pious wood, through the irreverence of the inhabitants, was rooted up in 1575, in order to improve the land.

A rich and devout lady, called Laureta, being at that time the owner of the place, the holy house was from her called the house of Laureta. This holy mansion did not, however, continue long in this place, the barbarities committed by banditti, who festered the road leading thither, deterred pilgrims from resorting to it to pay their devotions; so that, at the end of eight months, the angels again took it up,

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twenty broad, and about twenty-five feet in height; but by a more accurate survey and mensuration, the house is actually forty three palmi wanting two inches long in the inside, eighteen palmi four inches broad, and twenty-six palmi in height. Hence it appears, that the length is thirty-one feet three quarters, the breadth, thirteen feet three inches, and the height eighteen feet nine inches, English measure, reckoning a palmi and a half equal to thirteen inches. In the center, where the roof closes, it is five palmi higher than at the sides. Formerly the roof was made of timber only; but lest the great number of lights continually burning there should happen to set it on fire, pope Clement VII. erected an arched roof, and to prevent any damage to the house, by making this alteration, and at the same time to strengthen its foundation, it was strongly compacted with rafters, planks, and cords, and suspended by machines and pulleys, till the walls were carried high enough to be joined with those of the old structure. They also took an opportunity of making an alteration in the doors; for there being only one entrance on the north side, which was the front, it was inconvenient, on account of the prodigious concourse of people who visited this holy mansion; and therefore it was thought advisable to wall up this entrance, and make three others, two for the people, and a third for the clergy, and those they pleased to introduce into the most sacred part of the chapel. These breaks, however, were not begun without previous fastings, prayers, and other ceremonies, performed by the pope's order. It is pretended that the architect Nerucio, who undertook the repairing of this house, beginning his work before the proper preparations were performed, was seized with a sudden indisposition, which almost cost him his life. The window on the west side, opposite to the image of the Virgin Mary, was also at the same time enlarged, and secured with bars of iron gilt. The beams, tiles, and other materials, that

that were taken away in making these repairs, are deposited under the floor of the *Casa Santa*, that they might not be carried to other places, and exposed as reliques, to the prejudice of Loretto. With this view, people are also persuaded to believe, that there are numberless instances of persons, who, by presuming to carry away clandestinely, the least bit of stone or mortar, belonging to this sacred house, have brought upon themselves diseases, and numberless other misfortunes: nor could they ever rest, till they had restored what they had unjustly taken from the *Casa Santa*. The people must therefore think it no small favour to kiss the walls of this holy house. This edifice is manifestly built of bricks, of an unequal size; though the popish writers will have it, that it is a kind of unknown stone. On the cieling is painted the assumption of the Virgin Mary; but almost defaced by the smoke of such a number of lamps continually burning in this house.

On the top of *Casa Santa* is a small tower, which the Romans cannot deny to be the work of Christians; because it doth not seem in the least probable, that the Virgin Mary had such an ornament on her mean habitation. The two small bells in the tower, are only rung in violent storms of thunder and lightning, in confidence that their sound only will disperse any tempest, and prevent its ill effects.

In the *Casa Santa* is a small place, which may be esteemed the Holy of Holies. It is separated from the other part by a silver balustrade, and has a gate of the same metal. This is said to be the spot where the holy Virgin was sitting when the angel Gabriel appeared to her. The silver balustrade was the gift of cardinal Portocarrero, and the gate of Magalotti. The window through which the angel came into the house, is shewn on the west side the holy mansion.

The image of the Virgin is of cedar, five palmi in height; and the divine infant, which is of the same wood, on her right arm, not quite two palmi.

She holds in her left-hand a globe, and two fingers of her right hand are extended, as if giving her benediction. The faces of both these images are covered with a kind of silver varnish; but so tarnished with the continual smoke of the lamps, that the holy Virgin wants only a thicker upper-lip to make her a compleat negro. The garment of the holy infant is of a flame colour; but that of his mother azure, with which she is so modestly dressed, that nothing of the statue is seen except the face, and the tip of the toes. The mantle hanging down her shoulders is of the same colour, and disseminated with stars of gold; her hair is parted, some hanging on her shoulders, and some down her back. On her head is a triple crown of gold, adorned with pearls and diamonds; and a smaller one of the same kind, is placed on the infant Jesus. Both were the gift of Lewis XIII. of France, and are valued at seventy-five thousand scudi or crowns.

The gold chains, rings, and jewels, wherewith this image is loaded, I will pass over, as they are so often varied and changed; several being frequently deposited in the treasury to make room for new ones. Her apparel is not always the same, being often varied; during the seven days of passion-week, she is dressed in black, and every day furnished with a fresh suit. A great deal of ceremony is used in dressing and undressing the image; bowing with the most profound reverence, whilst the spectators petition the statue with loud invocations, the noise of which increases, as the priests proceed in undressing the image; fancying, perhaps, that their cries and ejaculations must sooner reach the heart of a naked virgin, than when she is dressed. The sculptor has taken care that the modesty of the priests should not be offended at the sight of a female statue naked, by adding a proper drapery. The chief ornaments with which this image is generally decorated, are 1. A jewel set in gold, consisting of thirteen rubies, sixty-six emeralds, three hundred

hundred and forty-one diamonds: it was an offering of Anne, princess of Neuburg, and consort to Charles II. king of Spain. 2. A gold crucifix, set with several large and beautiful emeralds, the gift of cardinal Paolo Sfondrata. 3. Two large pearls set in gold; hanging on the divine infant's head; presented by a princess of Darmstadt. 4. A crucifix set with diamonds, given by cardinal Marefcotto. 5 and 6. Two other crucifixes, set with rubies and diamonds, offered by the cardinals Barberini and Corsi. 7. The collar and badge of the Golden Fleece, set with large topazes, sapphires, rubies, and emeralds; the gift of Catherine, wife of Gabriel Bethlen Gabor, prince of Transylvania. 8. A large golden heart, suspended on a gold chain, set with rubies and diamonds; offered by Maximilian I. elector of Bavaria. 9. A cluster of diamonds, rubies, and emeralds, set in gold, on which is a pelican feeding her young ones with her blood, represented by a very large and beautiful ruby at her breast; an offering of the dutchess of Ucceda. 10. A large emerald, set round with diamonds and rubies, which hangs on one side of the infant's hands; the gift of the dutchess de Salviati. 11. Three admirable emeralds set in gold, and surrounded by diamonds and other emeralds; presented by Violanta Beatrix, a princess of the house of Bavaria, and widow of Ferdinand, hereditary prince of Florence. The niche in which the image is placed, is adorned with seventy one large Bohemian topazes, the offering of the cavalier Capra.

On the right side is a gold statue of an angel, profusely decorated with diamonds and other jewels; one of his knees is inclined, as offering a golden heart, set with large diamonds, terminating in a flame, which glitters with rubies and pearls, with a lamp continually burning over it. This piece, said to have cost fifty thousand ducats, was offered by Maria Beatrix Eleonora, of the house of Este, queen of king James II. of England, that by the intercession

of the Virgin she might have a son. Accordingly, soon after, as is said, her desires were accomplished in a son, the pretender to the British crown.

On the left side of the statue of the Virgin, is an angel of silver in the above-mentioned posture, offering a golden heart, crowned with glittering pearls, emeralds, and diamonds, and like the former, terminating in a flame. This was the gift of Laura Martinozzia, widow of Alphonso IV. duke of Modena, and mother of the above-mentioned queen of England.

On the right-hand of the Virgin, is a statue of an angel, weighing three hundred and fifty-one pounds. He is represented, offering, on a cushion of the same metal, an infant of gold, which weighs twenty-four pounds. This was a present from Lewis XIII. of France, given pursuant to a vow at the birth of the dauphin, who was afterward Lewis XIV. Beside this, there are many other images of children, both in gold and silver; also several other valuable votive pieces: but to enumerate them all, would tire the reader's patience.

The robe in which this image was dressed, when brought from Dalmatia to Italy, is made of red camblet, and kept in a casket of glass. The cup, out of which both the Virgin and her infant are said to have eaten and drank, is shaped like a porringer, or shallow bowl. It is made of earth, and glazed, but now set in silver. This vessel is not only kissed, but rosaries, agni Dei, crucifixes, and paper caps, with the Virgin of Loretto painted on them, are rubbed against it, from a firm persuasion, that they become a specific remedy against the head ach and other diseases. An ague is said to have been perfectly cured, by only drinking a little cold water out of this vessel: even the oil and wax of the lamps and candles burning before the image, are not without their medicinal and anodyne qualities. Beside the above dish, here are several other pieces of furniture belonging

to the holy Virgin, but very mean. Under the image is the hearth, or fire-place, where she used to dress her victuals, and is now called *Sacro sanctus Caminus*.

Before the holy Virgin, seventeen golden lamps are continually burning. Among the thirty-seven silver lamps, burning in the other part of the *Casa Santa*, several weigh fifty, eighty, a hundred; and four of them a hundred and twenty-eight pounds. For supplying all these lamps with oil, legacies have been left, and annual pensions appropriated by the persons who offered them. The altar stands in the middle of the party-wall, which separates the *Sanctum Sanctorum* from the other part of the chapel. It is insulated, and does not intercept the full view of the image of the Virgin, which stands high and forward in the sanctuary of the chapel behind the altar. The Roman Catholics pretend, that this altar was made by the apostles themselves, and brought hither from Galilee, with the holy house. On it is a quadrangular stone, upon which St. Peter is said to have celebrated the first mass. The rich *Palliotto*, embellished with jasper, *lapis lazuli* and agate, was an offering of Cosmo II. great duke of Tuscany.

Over the window, through which the angel Gabriel entered the house at the annunciation, is a picture of the crucifixion, pretended to have been brought hither by the apostles, and said to have been executed by St. Luke.

The present pavement of the *Casa Santa* consists of square pieces of white and red marble. The walls seem formerly to have been plaistered with mortar, part of which, here and there, with the portrait of the Virgin, and a group of angels painted on it, is still remaining.

The outside of the *Casa Santa*, notwithstanding the mean appearance of the walls within, is splendidly decorated with the most costly marble, so contrived, as to serve as a case for it, a small interval being left between the marble and the brick walls of

the holy mansion. This is partly to be ascribed to the veneration entertained for these sacred materials, and partly to an apprehension, that they would not admit this new unhallowed marble in contact with them, but repel them with such violence, as by the shock to endanger the lives of the workmen; which, if we will believe tradition, formerly happened to some foolish builders, who were desirous of strengthening these sacred walls by some new additions.

This marble structure, which incloses the *Casa Santa*, was begun by pope Leo X. in 1514, and though not quite finished, consecrated in 1538 by pope Paul III. It was at last completed in 1579, and pope Gregory XIII. had the honour of putting the finishing hand to this splendid structure. It stands in the middle of a most spacious church, which protects it from the injuries of wind and weather. The pilgrims commonly perform their first procession by going round the holy house on their knees, though there is under no particular injunction to do this; but led on by the desires of their devotional zeal to make a more devout cult as often as they please. It is about thirty feet in length, thirty in breadth, and twelve in height; and the materials employed are all of the white Carrara marble. The two longer sides are embellished with six Corinthian pillars of white marble; and the two shorter, with four each. In the intercolumniations are bas-reliefs, representing the most remarkable incidents in the life of the Virgin; between these ten statues of the prophets, and above them the ten sibyls. Among the prophets on the south side, David with the head of Goliath at his feet, is particularly admired for its curious workmanship; and on the north side is a groupe representing the epiphany of the Virgin, and a boy playing with a dog; while his mother, with a child in her arms, beholds him with a countenance full of the utmost maternal tenderness, the expression of which is truly admirable. It was designed and begun

gun by Contucci, but finished by Rafaele du Monte Lupone and Tribulo, which last artist also performed the famous statue, representing a man breaking a stick. On the east side, in a bas-relief, exhibiting the extraordinary conveyance of the *Casa Santa*, through the air, is a peasant driving his ass, the expression of which cannot be viewed without pleasure.

No person is admitted with a sword, or other weapon, which must be delivered to an ecclesiastic, who sits over against the door of the sanctuary, and also receives the little pecuniary gratuities made for the benefit of the church. A scudi is sufficient for a company of two or three persons to give, and the like sum is required for seeing the treasury. But it is quite otherwise with regard to the presents offered by pilgrims, which may be easily imagined to amount annually to many thousand ducats.

The extraordinary, and almost divine worship paid by Roman Catholics to the Virgin Mary, is very well known : and since the veneration for reliques has, in the last century, been carried to an exorbitant pitch, it may be easily concluded, what a continual resort of people must be to a house where the Virgin Mary was born, brought up, espoused, and lived after marriage ; in which also our Saviour's incarnation was revealed to her, where she was overshadowed by the Holy Ghost, and lastly, where our Saviour himself passed a great part of his life. From this last circumstance, some Roman Catholics, when asked why this relique preferably to any other memorial of the evangelical history, especially the holy sepulchre, was brought away from the infidels by the ministry of angels and removed into Europe ? answer, that among other reasons it arose from that natural fondness our Saviour, like other men, always retained for a place where, in his youthful days, he had passed so many agreeable hours.

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The number of pilgrims who visited this holy house, is said, formerly, for several years successively, to have amounted to two hundred thousand. But the Protestant doctrine, since the reformation, has given a severe blow to the sale of indulgences; and even the zeal of those who still adhere to the Roman church, is greatly abated with regard to tiresome pilgrimages: so that, at present, the number of pilgrims who annually repair hither for the sake of devotion, seldom exceeds forty or fifty thousand. Not many years since, nine thousand pilgrims were at Loretto at one time; and it may easily be conceived, what confusion such a number of people must occasion in this little town. Some come a-foot, others ride on asses or horses. The female pilgrims, whose circumstances enable them to be at the expence, generally chuse to come to Loretto in carriages; and, as large companies frequently travel together, many diverting incidents often happen on the road. As soon as they reach the paved way leading down a hill into the suburbs, they begin singing some hymn, which continues till they enter the church. But if the company be too large, the ceremony of going on their knees round the *Casa Santa* is omitted, and they must make use of some other method to shew their devotion. The poor pilgrims are received into an hospital, where they are provided with beds, as also bread and wine, every morning and evening, for three days. The greatest concourse at Loretto, is from the beginning of May till the middle of July; great numbers are also to be seen in September, it having been revealed to Paulus à Sylva in a vision, that the Virgin Mary was born on the eighth day of that month.

The large church, which entirely covers the *Casa Santa*, is built of Istrian stone, which very much resembles that of Tivoli stone, used at Rome. The iron grates before the several chapels in the church, were forged out of the fetters of four thousand Christians, who, by the naval victory of Lepanto, in the
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time of pope Pius V. in 1571, were released from Turkish slavery. Several confessionals are placed up and down in the church, with superscriptions over them, indicating in what language strangers may confess, and receive absolution. Above twenty Jesuits attend constantly as confessors, and among these a person of any European nation, may find one at least, who understands his native language.

The many masses founded here for ever, beside others that are well paid for, and said daily on particular occasions, enable the *Casa Santa* to maintain eighty chaplains, who with the canons, beneficiaries and ecclesiastics, visiting Loretto out of devotion, constantly perform this essential part of the Romish religion. The number of the masses daily said in the *Casa Santa*, and in the great church which surrounds it, amount to a hundred and twenty-three; and in the whole year, to forty-four thousand eight hundred and ninety-five.

The eunuchs also who belong to the choir of the holy chapel say masses here; and, on such occasions, carry their testicles about them in a small box: concluding, by mathematical calculation, that $\frac{2}{3}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$ are always equal to an integer. This practice is seldom heard of at Rome; but in the upper parts of Italy is very common.

The walls of the church of Loretto were formerly hung with a multitude of pictures and votive pieces; some of wood, some brass, and others of wax; but the number of these beginning to obscure the church, and not adding greatly to its elegance, it was decreed, in the year 1673, to remove the major part of them, and apply the silver and gold to better uses. In the church near the *Casa Santa*, is still a picture of a priest offering his entrails to the Virgin Mary. The occasion of this picture, according to the inscription under it, is as follows. The priest was by birth a Dalmatian, lived in the beginning of the sixth century, and entertained a high veneration for the *Madonna di Loretto*.

Loretto. It was his misfortune to be taken prisoner by the Turks, and solicited to embrace the Mahometan and abjure the Christian religion; but he not only rejected their proposals, and opposed their menaces, but also never ceased to call upon the name of Christ, and the holy Virgin. Being asked the reason for such continual invocations, he answered, that these names were imprinted on his heart, and therefore it was not in his power to forbear. Upon their threatening to tear his heart and bowels out of his body, if he did not desist from his invocations, and renounce Christ and Mary, he replied, the first was in their power; but the latter impossible for them to perform. Upon this the Turks immediately put their threats in execution; but the priest, in the midst of his torture, persisted in calling on the Virgin Mary, promising, at the same time, a pilgrimage to Loretto. They therefore put his heart and the entrails into his hands, telling him by way of sarcasm, that he might now perform his vow, and carry his offering to Loretto. But, to their astonishment, the martyr rose immediately, and with his heart and entrails in his hands, proceeded on his journey, and arrived at Loretto, where he shewed his mangled body; and after offering his heart and entrails, relating the whole affair, and receiving the holy sacrament, he expired.

The Jesuit Terfellina adds, that these entrails hung a long time in the church, as a memorial of the miracle; but decaying by length of time, they were taken away, and their place supplied by a representation of them cut in wood. Pope Paul III. however, ordered the latter to be removed, the vulgar beginning to render more homage to them, than even to the Virgin Mary herself.

It is not improbable, that many silver tablets and votive pieces, which make but little show, are melted down, and sent to the mint to be coined; as also, that the superfluous jewels, not employed in ornaments, are converted into money, and applied to better uses: especially

especially if they have been the offerings of persons long since dead, or other circumstances render any further inquiry improbable. This I know, that foreign jewellers find their accounts greatly in visiting the convents of Italy, and have purchased many rich jewels for small sums of ready money, which the Monks are very fond of, secrecy being strictly enjoined the purchasers at the same time.

In the *Sala del Tesoro*, on a stone in the pavement, is the date 1626, cut as a memorial of a thief, who, in that year, found means to convey himself into this place; but by a particular miracle, the pavement, as they say, opening under him, he sunk down to his waist, so that being unable to stir, he was easily taken, and suffered the punishment he deserved. Others tell this story with additional circumstances; but the true design of the whole is, to deter others from making any future attempts on this valuable treasury.

The inhabitants of Loretto, notwithstanding their boasts of the extraordinary and visible protection of the Virgin Mary, especially with regard to this sacred treasure, do not think it advisable to put it to the trial; for not only the window of the *Sala del Tesoro* is secured with a strong iron gate, but even the city itself also fortified; which, according to an inscription on one of the bastions, was done in the year 1521, under the pontificate of Leo X. These fortifications may prove a sufficient security to the town against any sudden attack of pirates; but are otherwise of little importance; for, in many places, the houses serve instead of walls.

Loretto is commonly without a garrison, so that it is surprising the Turks have not made greater efforts than they have hitherto done, in order to possess themselves of the precious booty deposited here. The Roman Catholics indeed allege, that in all the attempts which the Turks have hitherto made against Loretto, they have been driven off, either by an ex-

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traordinary miracle, or are seized with a supernatural panic. But the true reason why the Turks do not make a formal attempt on this place, may arise from the great shallowness of the Adriatic in these parts; whereby the approach of large ships to that shore is rendered entirely impracticable: beside, Loretto lying only three Italian miles from the sea, and in an open country, no descent can be made with such secrecy and expedition as not to alarm the whole country. And no sooner is a Turkish Squadron known to be at sea, than a strong garrison is immediately sent hither from the neighbouring country.

The annual revenue of the *Casa Santa*, from lands and other settled funds and stipends, is by themselves allowed to amount to near thirty thousand scudi, exclusive of the presents and offerings of devotees, which, and from the resort of so many thousand votaries; must be very considerable.

The trade of Loretto, beside the inns, public houses, and lodgings of strangers, consists chiefly in making medals, crucifixes, images of the Virgin Mary, painted paper caps, ribbands, and rosaries, which are bought up by strangers, as amulets for the head-ach, fits, and other diseases.

Loretto is about a mile in circumference, and has a fine prospect toward the sea, and a beautiful valley finely planted with trees. The suburb extending to Monte Reale, is finely built. In clear weather, about sun-rising, the mountains of Croatia, though a hundred and fifty miles from Loretto, are discernable.

Foreigners resorting hither, in such crowds, occasion a great consumption of provisions at Loretto; and tho' your host is sure to exact upon you as much as possible, yet the entertainment cannot be complained of. The inhabitants are very courteous; and at the post-houses between Rome to Bologna, you have much more polite usage than in those between Florence and Rome. Their frequent converse with strangers, doubtless, serves to polish their manners.

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The roads in the country about Loretto, as well as the town itself, swarm with beggars, who, in spring, strew flowers before strangers, and throw some into the carriages, in order to obtain their charities.

The distance between Loretto and Ancona, is fifteen Italian miles, the road lying through a most agreeable plain, intersected by the rivers Musone and Aspido. The number of streams and rivers that have their source in the east-side of the Apennines, is greater than can be found in any other chain of mountains of the same extent.

Ancona is but a mean place, and stands on hilly and uneven ground, and it has its name from its shape, being built in an angle like that of the elbow.

The stature and complexion of the inhabitants of Ancona, especially the fair sex, are greatly superior to the rest of the inhabitants of Italy, so that they seem to be another people. The same may be observed of the inhabitants of Senigallia, Fano, and Pesaro as far as Remini. If it be true, that the polite and beautiful youths resorting to the universities, added to the grand retinue of a court, contribute to render Leipstick, Hall, and Dresden, the nurseries of fine men: the superior beauty of the female sex at Fano, Ancona, &c. may, with equal justice, be attributed to the great number of strangers and pilgrims, continually travelling through those cities.

The eastern part of Italy is pleasanter and more fertile than the generality of places lying on the west side; especially if you include the coast between Genoa and Leghorn.

The whole Adriatic sea abounds with testaceous and most other kinds of fish. A singular species of the former is the Ballani, or Ballari, found alive in large stones. The shell of this fish is rough and of an oblong figure, somewhat resembling a date, and are thence called Dattili del Mare. They are generally found on the shallows near Comero, or Anaro, ten miles from Ancona.

Rimini,

Rimini, or Araminium, was formerly a considerable city, but now greatly decayed, especially since the fatal blow it received by an earthquake in the year 1671. It is, however, still remarkable for several pieces of its ancient splendour. Without the town, toward Pefaro, is a triumphal arch, the front of which is decorated with two beautiful Corinthian pillars, and two busts.

A few Italian miles from Rimini, you pass a bridge over the river Cusa, which, by Clementi and Giacomo Villani, and other learned men, has been taken for the ancient Rubicon. Two miles on this side Sesenatico, the road crosses the river Fiumesino; and scarce sixty paces before you cross the Pisatello, which likewise empties itself into the Fiumesino. However small and shallow the Pisatella may appear in dry weather, it is the ancient Rubicon, so celebrated in Roman history, for being the limit which divided the Italian provinces from Cisalpine Gaul. Whence the hostile views of Julius Cæsar, on his passing this river with his army, could be no longer concealed.

After passing Rimini, the face of the country is visibly changed for the worse; especially between Cervia and Ravenna, where the soil is remarkably barren, the parts on the sea-coast being covered with sands, and the more inland country, full of morasses, fens, and the like.

Ravenna, ridiculously supposed to have been founded by Ulu, was very famous, not only during the flourishing state of ancient Rome, but a considerable time afterward; being the seat of the Exarch, or the emperor's viceroy in Italy. But, at present, it hardly contains fifteen thousand inhabitants; a sum so disproportionate to the number of convents, of which are no less than twenty-four in the city, that it must sensibly feel the weight of this useless load.

Among other antiquities in this city are the remains of the walls belonging to the palace of Theodoric, king of the Ostrogoths; the upper part of it is decorated

rated with pillars, and in the lower part is a very large porphyry coffin, in which the remains of that king were deposited. The Rotunda is situated without the city, on the right hand in passing out through the Porta Cibo. It has at present the appearance of an old ruined cupola or chapel; is sixteen common paces in diameter, and its pavement, except in the midst of summer, generally under water. It is said to have been built in 526, by Amalasunta, daughter to king Theodoric. The most remarkable part of it is the roof, in the form of an inverted dish, and consists of one single stone, which, not many years ago, was split by the lightning. It is as hard as flint, and said to have been brought hither from Egypt. It is four geometrical feet in thickness, one hundred and fourteen in circumference, and thirty-one feet two inches in diameter, according to an account of it, written on vellum, and kept on the altar of the chapel. It is not easy to say, in what manner so enormous a mass, which weighs near one hundred tons, could have been raised to the top of this structure, especially as the modern machines were then unknown: but, whoever has seen the stupendous obelisks at Rome, will be the less surprised at this. Round the circumference of this stone, on the top of the Rotunda, were formerly the statues of the twelve apostles, their names being still on the pedestals, which project a little way beyond the roof.

On the right hand, without the Porta Cibo, are the remains of the towers of the old castle. On the left, where the sea formerly washed the city walls (as is evident from the iron rings still remaining, and which were used in fastening ships) are at present several fields well cultivated; Ravenna now lying three Italian miles from the sea. As Misenum was the ancient port for the Roman fleet in the Mediterranean, to intimidate the inhabitants of Gaul, Spain, Mauritania, Africa, Egypt, Sardinia, and Sicily; so the harbour of Ravenna was used to awe the provinces of Epirus, Macedonia, Achaia, Proconnes, Pontus, Crete, and

Cyprus; as is evident from Vegetius, lib. iv. and Suetonius in the Life of Augustus.

From Ravenna to Bologna is five stages, and the road lies through Faenza, Imola, and St. Nicola. Part of this road, especially in wet weather, is very dangerous, running along the banks of the river L'Amoni; but when you are passed this, you enter a most beautiful road, extending through pleasant groves, walks, and elegant vineyards.

Bologna, with regard to its extent, the number of its nobility and other inhabitants, and the importance of its trade, is doubtless next to Rome, the most opulent and beautiful city in the ecclesiastical state. The number of its inhabitants amount to between eighty and ninety thousand; but the whole district, which includes three hundred and eight cities, towns, and villages, contains three hundred and eight thousand souls.

The inhabitants are reckoned very facetious, and famous for their satirical raillery: notwithstanding which, they behave with the utmost politeness to strangers, and appear to be excellent mechanics, and very industrious. The great quantity and valuable quality of their silk, is productive of a large trade; and the small river Reno, a branch of which runs through the city, is very convenient for the silk mills, in which a single wheel turns four or five thousand small cylinders with surprising velocity; and, if the silk be good and strong, does more work than so many thousand hands. The damasks, sattins, taffaties, and velvets of Bologna, are in great repute. The inhabitants likewise deal largely in hemp and flax, great quantities of the former being exported to Venice for sails and cordage. The wine and oil produced in this neighbourhood, supply the adjacent provinces; and the wine from the vineyards of Bologna is so strong, that it is generally diluted with one fourth part of water; except that appointed for the sacrament, which is genuine, and may be purchased at the convents.

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The country round Bologna produces vast quantities of honey and wax; great part of which is exported, and all kind of provisions are in great plenty and exceeding good. Here are the best inns in the whole tour of Italy, especially the St. Marco and il Pelegrino. Fowls of all kinds are very large, and their flesh delicious. The Bologna cervallat and other kinds of sausages, and dried tongues are famous not only throughout Europe, but are often sent to the East and West Indies.

The nuns of this city are very ingenious in making artificial flowers, of silver, silk, muslin, enamel and isinglass. The finest flowers are indeed; at first, intended only for presents, but there are abundance of them in the shops, where strangers may purchase them at a very reasonable price. They also imitate all kinds of fruit, so exactly in wax, that the most curious eye can hardly distinguish them from the products of nature.

Formerly the little dogs of Bologna breed, were a very considerable advantage to that city; but at present, that foible is so far exploded, that even at Bologna itself, the breed is so scarce, that one of tolerable beauty is valued at four or five guineas. Some pretend that the method for checking the growth of these animals, is to rub their legs, and the spine of their backs with spirit of wine, as soon as they are whelped, and frequently repeating the operations.

The ladies of Bologna, especially those of rank, dress entirely after the French mode; but those of the middle class generally wear a black gown, and over their heads a silk veil of the same colour; but generally enjoy more liberty than in any other part of Italy. The number of blind people in this city is remarkable; but I have never been able to procure any satisfactory account of the cause. Numbers of people also are seen walking the streets with spectacles on, who are so far from labouring under any defect of sight, that their eyes wander about without so much as looking through the glasses. This is a Spa-

nish custom, and supposed to indicate a remarkable gravity; and hence several ecclesiastics affect it.

[Mr. Sharpe informs us, he came to Bologna in "Rogation week, when all the communities of the city, walk several days in form, every man with a wax taper in his hand, and every community with a crucifix, or dying saviour. During the procession, both through the church and streets, there is an accompaniment of martial music, and tolling of bells. There was such an extraordinary succession of crucifixes, that I was much tired with the sameness of the objects; but at last, the appearance of a Madona, which closed the procession, brought me relief. She was painted, as are many others in Europe, by St. Luke, and is much revered here, for the number of miracles she has wrought in favour of the Bolonese. This ceremony would provoke some protestants, and furnishes all, with strong arguments against catholic tenets and practices: for, during the appearance of the several figures of Christ, the people were so indifferent, that I observed some of them stood with their hats on; but, upon the exhibition of the blessed Virgin, they not only prostrated themselves on their knees, but, in answer to three bows made by the picture, they, in the attitude of kneeling, bent their heads to the ground three times. At the church door; there was a kind of Litany pronounced, to the praise of the blessed Virgin, where the response of the people, for several minutes together, was, *ora pro nobis*. A moderate catholic may refine, and plead, that the picture is not an object of worship, but a mere *memento* of the Virgin; yet, a man who travels through popish countries, will always believe the picture itself is honoured; and a protestant may naturally ask, how it happens, that one Madona has more fame, and more power than another, if it be only a picture to remind us of the original? I could write you a letter every week on the single subject of vulgar religious prejudices, were I to enumerate all those I hear: but I cannot forbear telling you, that the

the common people of Bologna believe, that if the Madona was not carried in this procession, she, the picture, would descend from her station, and walk through the streets.

At Rome, there is a society, who advance money to the poor, upon depositing a pawn, without interest. This design appears useful; but I had not an opportunity of learning whether it be abused, as most other good intentions are. I should not have mentioned it, but that there is a like institution at Bologna, with this remarkable ancient inscription over the gate of the building, where the business is transacted. *This institution was, &c. &c. in order to put an end to the usury practised by the Jews.* The truth is, that in those times, the Jews were the only factors, or money lenders, in Europe, and it is no wonder, that what was a Jewish practice, should be held in such detestation by Christians; but, with the times, we see the modes of religion totally alter, and good bishops now, make no scruple to receive five per cent. if they can get it honestly. A few days since, I bestowed a minute's pensive contemplation on the monument of Galileo. I could not but reflect with sorrow, and some indignation, that the priests of the same church, treated him as a blasphemer, for asserting the Copernican system, who now treat the Hutchinsonians as fanatics, for doubting it. I am not to tell you, that poor Galileo remained in the prisons of the inquisitions many years, suffering extreme hardships in his old age there, and was not set at liberty till he retracted his doctrine.

At Bologna, as at Florence, the nobles are numerous and poor; indeed, for the same reason; that is to say, because all the children are noble, and, because it is a fashion to divide their estates almost equally amongst them: this custom had a very good effect, when it was honourable to be engaged in commerce, as was the case, when the trade of Europe was in a manner carried on by the nobles of Florence,

Venice, and Lombardy: every son, by this article, improved his fortune, and enriched his country. But the discovery of the passage to the Indies, by the Cape of Good Hope, putting an end to this monopoly, and to the exorbitant gains attending it, commerce, by degrees, became contemptible, as it grew less profitable; and the greater part of the nobility, finding no resources beyond their pitiful incomes, became wretched. I have been credibly informed, that a noble at Florence, with five hundred pounds a year, is reputed to be in pretty good circumstances."—]

The country between Bologna and Modena is delightful and fertile, abounding especially in vineyards. The horned cattle of this country are very large, and mostly of a white colour. Here, six or eight oxen are put to a carriage, with a great number of bells hanging about them, the ringing of which is not at all disagreeable.

Not far from Bologna the triumviri, M. Lepidus, M. Antonius, and C. Octavius, formed that confederacy which afterward proved so bloody in its consequences to the Roman republic. Plutarch, in his life of Cicero, c. 67. and in that of Antony, c. 24. says, that this interview happened on a little island; to which Dio, lib. 24. adds, that the island was formed by a small river, (namely, the Rhenus) running near Bologna. However, no river in the neighbourhood of this city, forms an island which corresponds with the description given by that historian, which can only be understood of a place for the greatest part surrounded with water.

Modena is an ancient city, of which we find frequent mention made in the Roman history. When Decimus Brutus was besieged here, Hirtius made use of his prisoners, and trained up by hunger for such an event, to give the besieged notice of his designs, and to receive the like intelligence on their return. In memory of this contrivance, pigeons are even to this day trained up

up at Modena to carry letters from the city to a place appointed, and bring back answers to them. What advantage these winged messengers were of to the city of Leyden when hard pressed by the Spaniards, is sufficiently known from the history of the sixteenth century.

The city of Modena is said to contain thirty-five thousand inhabitants; which computation, to me, seems much too high, and not at all credible. Little or no handicraft trade and traffic is seen stirring here; and though great numbers of masks (in making of which Modena is said to excel) are annually exported to Venice and other places, so inconsiderable an article of commerce, can contribute but little to the prosperity of the city.

Two Italian miles from Sassuolo, in the Modenese, is a chasm in the earth, called la Salsa, which emits smoke, flame, ashes and stones, of a sulphureous smell, and throws many of them to the height of forty ells. These eruptions generally happen in spring and autumn, and are sometimes attended with rumbling noises and explosions. The mountain on which this cleft appears, is rendered entirely barren by these continual ejections. During its eruptions, the Petroleum wells at Sasso, and Monte Gibbio, become quite foul and thick. Paolo Boccone, in his *Musca di Fisica & di Esperienze*, which was published at Venice in quarto, in 1697, remarks, that la Salsa agrees not only in its effects, but also to the time of its eruptions, with mount Ætna in Sicily, and that this agreement was particularly observable on the 10th, 11th, and 12th of May, 1693.

The road between Modena and Parma is part of the Via Æmiliæ, and very pleasant. It lies through gardens and fine walks, and is planted on both sides with white mulberry-trees, interwoven with vines. The whole plain consists of plantations and inclosures, every where furnished with rows of vines and fruit trees, so that a more delightful prospect cannot be conceived.

Five miles from Reggio is a long bridge, over the river Lenza, which is the boundary between Modena and Parma.

Parma is a populous and large city, consisting of broad regular streets, and many fine houses; which, according to the custom of the Italians, are called palaces. The river Parma divides it into two parts, which are connected to one another by three stone bridges. Its circumference is four Italian miles, and the citadel very much resembles that of Antwerp. The number of the inhabitants are computed to be between forty-five and fifty thousand.

The large theatre, famous throughout all Europe, was built by Rainutius I. in the year 1618. The parterre or pit, is sixty-five common paces in length, and the stage sixty-two. Before the theatre, on each side, is an equestrian statue representing one of the ancient dukes, and several other statues on the sides of the pit; in the latter are twelve rows of seats, rising gradually behind one another, such as were common in the old Roman amphitheatres; and over these is a double gallery. It is, indeed, said, that this amphitheatre will conveniently hold betwixt eight and nine thousand spectators; but this a single glance of the eye is sufficient to contradict. The greatest singularity is the construction of this edifice; for a word spoken ever so low on the stage, is distinctly heard all over the pit, consequently the singers and other actors, are saved a good deal of trouble; and it is also remarkable, that no confused reduplication or echo happens, be the voice raised ever so high. It is said, that when Lewis XIV. intended to build an opera-house in the palace of the Thuilleries at Paris, he sent the celebrated architect Vigarani to Parma, in order to find out the cause of the extraordinary echo in this theatre; but to no purpose.

As the illumination of the large theatre at Parma, is very expensive, a smaller has been erected for common use, in a contiguous saloon, which has a pit large enough

enough to contain two thousand spectators. On its sides are three rows of seats, and opposite to the front of the stage eight more, rising one above another like an amphitheatre, and over these three galleries.

The duke's library is in a large hall, and makes a very grand appearance, the books being all in French binding, and the shelves on which they are placed, supported by elegant pillars. There are not above seventeen or eighteen thousand volumes in this library; and the only method taken to preserve them from worms and moths, is to carefully beat them at certain times. The manuscripts are all by themselves, and in the same binding. The printed books are mostly in folio, particularly those of history; few or no small pieces being to be met with in this collection.

The yearly revenues of the duke of Parma are computed at between five and six hundred thousand crowns. It is said the salt works alone, all charges deducted, produce above fifty thousand crowns. These salt works are carried on at Salsò, four and twenty Italian miles from Parma, where there are twelve pits of natural brine, two hundred ells deep: the water of these being boiled in large cauldrons or coppers, evaporates till all the aqueous particles are separated; after which it is mixed with blood of animals, beginning to putrefy, and all boiled together about an hour, and carefully skimmed. By this process, a pure and white salt is obtained.

In divers parts of the Parmasan territories, Petroleum is gathered: sometimes without water, and sometimes floating on the surface of the water.

The Parmasan cheese, so famous in most parts of Europe, owes its goodness to the excellent pastures near Placentia; where the meadows, during the whole summer, may be watered at pleasure, by means of small sluices, which convey water from the Po: beside, the water of that river is impregnated with a slimy substance, which proves a very good manure to the grounds they overflow. The cows here yield
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such a large quantity of milk, that, in a good season, a person possessed of fifty cows, can make a rich cheese of one hundred weight every day.

The distance from Parma to Placentia, is about thirty-three Italian miles; and about five miles from the former, is a ferry over the river Taro; and a little farther on the left, lies Castello Guelfo, still kept in repair. Not far from the latter is the Castello Gebellino; both these castles retain their names from the two factions by which Germany and Italy were for so long a time rendered a scene of slaughter and confusion.

Vergo St. Domino, a post-stage, is the residence of a bishop; but at the same time a very mean place. Its neighbourhood abounds with truffles. The whole road is very good and delightful, like that between Ferrara and Bologna; running in a direct line betwixt fine level walks, where the inclosures on each side, are planted with rows of fruit trees, intermixed with vines; especially the parts about Reggio and Placentia, which are so excellently cultivated, as to appear like one entire orchard or garden. In so fine a country, it may be readily supposed, that the clergy have not omitted to procure themselves fat benefices, and liberal endowments; and I have been assured, that of the twenty-eight thousand inhabitants of the city of Placentia, two thousand are monks, nuns, and other ecclesiastics.

The castle of Placentia is but meanly fortified; nor is the city in a condition of making any tolerable defence. The distance of the Po from Placentia, is between five and six hundred paces; and from the top of one of the city towers, is a most charming prospect of the whole neighbouring country, justly called Piacenza, or Placentia, pleasantness. The principal street, called Stradone, is twenty-five common paces broad, and three thousand feet long, extended in a straight line; but the houses in general cannot be commended for their beauty.

In the principality of Placentia are several salt works, and large quantities of vitriol are made and refined there. Near the Appenine mountains are some iron forges, and they have also begun to smelt copper.

The distance between Placentia and Cremona is eighteen Italian miles, through a very fertile country; but the road less pleasant, and not kept in so good repair, as the Via Æmiliæ, leading to Placentia. Cremona is an university, founded by the emperor Sigismund; but at present in a very declining condition; and the fortification of the city of little importance.

Cremona is forty Italian miles distant from Mantua, and about half way between these two cities is a neat but small town, called Bozzolo, defended by a castle, being the capital place of a small principality of the same name. Three miles from thence near St. Martino di Marçana we crossed the Oglio, a middling river. In winter after great rains, the road between Cremona and Mantua is almost impassable from the deepness of the soil: when we travelled this way, though the weather had for a long time been very dry, it was but indifferent. This inconveniency is richly compensated by the fertility of the neighbouring country, and the exuberant productions of the fields and meadows, cannot be sufficiently admired; the trees, which are planted in rows, being covered with vines, which twine themselves round them. The great numbers of nightingales frequenting this spot of land, by their warblings add new charms to the delightful scene.

Mantua lies in a lake or morass, caused by the overflowing of the Mincio. This morass, on the side toward Cremona, is not above two or three hundred paces wide, but on the opposite side extends itself near an Italian mile. The course of the river Mincio lies through this city, which is fortified with a citadel; but more indebted to nature than art for its strength. The vapours from the stagnant putrid wa-

ters about this city during the summer, render it so unhealthful, that none stay in Mantua but such as cannot avoid it. The number of parish churches in this city amount to eighteen; beside which there are forty convents; doubtless too many for a place, which, exclusive of the imperial garrison, has not above ten thousand Christian inhabitants. The number of Jews amount to four or five thousand, which have a particular Ghetto or quarter, the gate of which is shut every evening. They have four or five synagogues here; the principal is well built, and has a skylight in the roof.

No court being kept here since the last war, this place is much decayed in its trade, which was once considerable; and the silk manufacture alone, brought large sums into the country, which in ancient times was in a flourishing condition. The museum founded here by the duke, rendered this city very famous in the last century; but they have been dispersed by the ignorance of the soldiers, when this city was taken by the imperialists on the 18th of July 1630. Some apartments of the palace are still worth seeing.

Mantua is an episcopal see, dependent on the pope. Julio Romano was the architect of the cathedral, who also painted the cieling and the tribuna.

The distance between Mantua and Verona is three post-stages, or twenty-four Italian miles. Ten miles from the latter lies Villa Franca, where are still remaining the walls of a spacious old castle. On the left the mountains of Trent, covered with snow, begin to appear: the road is stony, and the soil poor; but the rows of white mulberry-trees, intermixed with vines, give the country a delightful aspect.

Verona has been celebrated for its beauty, though it will not bear comparison with most of the large cities in the lower parts of Italy. The streets are generally narrow, crooked, and dirty; and the houses but meanly built. In short, Verona, with the pleasant country round it, appears more beautiful when
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viewed from the neighbouring eminences, than it is really found on entering it. The fortifications are of little importance, though it has three castles; namely, il Castello Vecchio, St. Pietro, and St. Felice. The second is said to have been anciently a temple of Diana; from the top of this fortress is an elegant prospect of the city. The river Adige divides Verona into two parts, nearly equal, but have communication with each other by means of four stone bridges. All these structures are well built; but il Ponte Nuovo deserves a particular notice, on account of the fine prospect from it, of the river and the country, terminated by the hill, on which stands Castello St. Felice. The number of its inhabitants, at present, is said to amount to between forty-eight and fifty thousand; whereas, about a hundred years ago, they exceeded seventy thousand. The best street in the city is called the Corso, where, at the conclusion of the carnival diversions, great numbers of the common people run foot-races. Formerly common prostitutes were permitted to run for the prize, but that custom has been abolished, and a horse-race exhibited in its stead, on the last Sunday in Lent; the prize is a piece of gold, or some other rich stuff.

The largest area in this city is the Piazza d'Armi, where the two usual fairs in April and Autumn are kept. In the center is a marble statue representing the republic of Venice, Verona having, for some centuries, been under that jurisdiction. The family of the Scaligers (from whom the learned Julius Cæsar Scaliger would fain derive his pedigree) were formerly lords of Verona; one of whom, for his better security, and at the same time to awe the city, not only erected the Castello Vecchio, at the end of the Corso, but also built a bridge over the Adige, which is still in good condition, and deserves particular notice, on account of the breadth of its arches: the distance between the piers of the first arch being seventy feet, that of the second eighty-two, and of the third one

hundred and forty: the whole length of the bridge is three hundred and forty-eight feet. In the castle is, at present, a small garrison, together with a governor.

The principal magistrates, by whom the Venetians govern this province, are the Podesta and Capitaneo, or general. All civil affairs are under the direction of the former, and the military under that of the latter. Both these continue no longer in office than sixteen months. A handsome house was begun for the general, but is still unfinished.

Antiquarians meet with a most valuable piece of antiquity at Verona, which gives a clearer idea of the theatrical performances of the ancient Romans, than any other extant; namely, the celebrated amphitheatre: which, through a succession of so many centuries, has, by the commendable care and attention of the inhabitants, been preserved in such excellent repair, that it is far preferable to that of Vespasian at Rome, though considerably less. This noble structure, according to some, was built in the reign of Augustus; but there is little probability that such a sumptuous edifice should be erected so early in a province of Italy, when the capital of the empire could not boast of any thing equal to it before the reign of Vespasian. To this may be added, the silence of Pliny the elder, whose accuracy in the enumeration of the most celebrated edifices and artists of his time, particularly of those relating to his native place, would not have suffered him to omit a structure of this nature. Another argument is, that during the first century, there was no such amphitheatre at Verona; for Pliny the younger, who lived at the close of Trajan's reign, does not mention it, though he is so particular in relating the shews, plays, and sports of gladiators, exhibited at Verona, by his friend Maximus; in memory of his deceased wife. On the other hand, this amphitheatre must have been erected about that time, the structure exhibiting evident marks of the
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flourishing state, both of architecture and sculpture, and consequently of the Roman empire itself.

According to Maffei's mensuration, the longest diameter of the amphitheatre of Verona, from the first arch of the principal entrance to the opposite arch, is four hundred and fifty Veronese feet; the greatest breadth three hundred and sixty; the length of the area within the walls, according to his computation, two hundred and eighteen feet, six inches; the breadth one hundred and twenty-nine; and the outward circuit of the whole edifice, one thousand two hundred and ninety feet. The Verona foot is exactly one third more than a Roman palmi, used in architecture. Its present height is, indeed, but eighty-eight feet; but, from evident marks on the walls, it appears to have been at first above one hundred and ten. The lowest row of seats is, as it were, buried in dirt and rubbish; but, if we include this, the number of the rows of steps or seats, rising one above another to the highest gallery, amount to forty-five. This method of building of amphitheatres was the most convenient for holding a great number of spectators, in such a manner, that the nearest row did not intercept the view of the Arena, from those who sat at the greatest distance. If we allow a foot and a half for each person, the amphitheatre at Verona would contain twenty-two thousand one hundred and eighty-four spectators. The internal area of the Colysæum at Rome, does not greatly excel this; and, according to Fontana, the length of that edifice is but five hundred and sixty-four Verona feet, its breadth four hundred and sixty-seven; the internal area is two hundred and seventy-three feet in length, and one hundred and seventy-three in breadth; and the circuit of the whole building, one thousand five hundred and sixty-six Verona feet. Consequently, according to this computation, the Colysæum contained at most but thirty or thirty-four thousand persons sitting. Though none of the seats are now remaining, the amphitheatre of Verona

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is much more perfect, and has no holes or chasms in the wall.

The present edifice is not merely the ancient structure, but owes its good condition to repairs, many of which are the works of the moderns. The new stones may be easily distinguished from the ancient work, which is much neater. The height of the seats is not the same in all, but generally a foot and five inches, and their common breadth two feet two inches. Near the twenty-sixth row, reckoning from the bottom, there is one so narrow, as is scarce sufficient for a seat; and for this reason appears not to be the work of antiquity, but of the moderns who repaired it. The ancient seats were of red marble, but the modern repairs of a red brittle stone. The stone seats being very cold, they were, for the greater convenience of the spectators; covered with boards, and some for persons of rank with cushions. Hence it appears, that an amphitheatre built of stone might receive some damage by fire. There are in this amphitheatre separate flights of steps, by which the spectators ascended from the vaults below. The apertures from these steps, into the rows of seats, on account of the multitudes of people crowding, and, as it were, pouring through them to see the spectacles, are by Macrobius, Saturn. lib. vi. cap. iv. called *vomitoria*; the number of which in this amphitheatre are sixty-four; being disposed in four rows.

With regard to the outside of this amphitheatre, it contained seventy-two arched entrances; and the key-stone of each arch being numbered, every class of people knew where to go in and come out of the amphitheatre, and no confusion or disturbance could arise. These arches are, for the most part, eleven feet eight inches wide, and eighteen feet high. The lower part of the pillars are buried about four feet under the present surface of the ground, as appears by the ancient main entrance, where the earth has been cleared away. The balustrade over the entrance

trance is a modern work. Two galleries over the lower arches represent, as it were, the second and third stories. No pedestals have been found, either in this amphitheatre, or in that at Rome mentioned above; from whence we may conclude, that it was not ornamented with statues, in any other part, except over the grand entrance; and if on any particular solemnity, statues were placed in these amphitheatres, they must have been but small, and remained but a short time. These moveable statues may probably be the figures seen on some ancient medals, that represent amphitheatres. Few or no fragments of statues have, indeed, been dug up near this amphitheatre. The stones of the ancient part of this structure are not cemented together, but fastened with iron cramps and braces.

It is no wonder such a stately theatre should be built at Verona, preferable to other cities; for historians agree, that it was very large and populous during the times of the ancient Romans; but whether this amphitheatre, like that at Rome, could be laid under water, cannot be determined, as the river Adige is some feet lower than its area, and there are no traces of aqueducts near it. On the other hand, some arches are shewn in the water below St. Pietro, supposed to be the remains of a Naumachia, which was not supplied from the river Adige, as the river did not flow in ancient times through the city; but from the eminences of Montorio and Avesa, from whence it was conveyed to Verona by leaden pipes. Both these places are about two Italian miles from the city, and the leaden pipes, which are still kept in repair, are laid over a bridge, and furnish several private houses with fresh water.

On the left hand of the road leading from Verona to Castello Vecchio, the ancient course of the Adige, before it was carried into the city, is still visible.

Near the city is a fine plain, called Campus Martius, where the musters and military exercises of the

people are performed. Since the year 1712, when the booths of the annual fairs, held till then in the Piazza d'Armi, were burnt down, they have, for the greater security and conveniency, been removed to the Campus Martius, and there very prettily disposed. The principal commodities exported from this city to other countries, are medicinal plants, gathered on Monte Baldo, olives, (those especially from this neighbourhood being accounted excellent) oil, some wine, linen, woolen, and silk manufactures. The neighbouring parts are, indeed, at present, no less plentifully provided with the same commodities; but a greater vent might be opened for them at Venice.

The annual revenue of the bishopric of Verona amounts to between four and five thousand crowns.

The best wines at present produced in the neighbourhood of this city, are two sorts of white, one of which is called Gauganico Bianco, and the other *Vino Santo*. The latter, in my opinion, is the best; and in flavour resembles the old Hungarian wines.

They have from hence to Venice, a very commodious water-carriage for goods; and the passage thither, in a bark, takes up no more than three days and a half: but the coming back is more troublesome, the barge being drawn by oxen, and cannot be performed in less than eight days.

In the Olivetan church, or Madonna in Organo, was formerly a wooden ass, within the belly of which, as some bigotted people believed, the remains of the ass on which our Saviour made his public entry into Jerusalem were deposited. The story of this ass, and its travels through several countries, till at last it died in the neighbourhood of Verona, where it was kept with the greatest veneration, are related by Mission; but intermixed with such farcistical reflections, as will not be much relished by Roman catholics: the Veronese in particular resent his exposing their fondness for the reliques of the Jewish ass, as it had laid them open to the ridicule of a nick-name. And it is doubtless

doubtless owing to the sarcastical remarks of Misson, and the sneering enquiries of strangers and travellers after the reliques of this afs, together with the superstitious abuses it occasioned among the common people, that the afs has not appeared in any public procession these eight years past. The Veronese even conceal it from the public view, and almost venture to deny the whole affair: so that it is not easy for a stranger to procure a sight of it. For my own part, I should not have been greatly disappointed if I had not seen it: but by a meer accident I happened to walk into a chapel belonging to St. Benedict's church, where I had an opportunity of taking a full view of this famous afs. It stands behind the wooden altar-piece which represents St. Benedict, and may be opened like a door. The afs itself is a good piece of sculpture, done some centuries ago, by a devout monk of this convent. The image of our Saviour sitting upon it, which is also of wood, has a book in the left hand, and the right extended as if giving the benediction.

The women of Verona are well shaped, and of a healthy complexion, which may doubtless be attributed to the goodness of the air. The breezes from the neighbouring mountains refresh this city every evening during the hottest part of summer. The orange-trees mult not be exposed to the open air in the winter, yet the climate produces all kinds of fruits and vegetables in perfection. The country about Verona produces peaches, melons, figs, strawberries, truffles, very large artichokes, asparagus, chesnuts, apples, pears, plums, grapes, olives, and divers sorts of herbs.

Betwixt Verona and Vicenza is the district of Bolco, and not far from Vestene Nuova are found all sorts of petrified fish, of the salt-water kind: the soil is a sort of white loam. These fish are in general well preserved; their bones are entire and frequently their scales.

The distance between Verona and Vicenza is thirty Italian miles. The road lies through a stony but fertile and pleasant country.

Vicenza contains a great many elegant buildings, and the tops of several of them ornamented with statues; particularly those in the area, or piazza, before the council-house. Had it fountains, it would be a Piazza di Novona in miniature. After this city fell under the Venetian yoke, they erected here, as in other conquered cities, the arms of St. Mark on a lofty pillar, which are a winged lion. On another pillar of the same kind stands the image of our Saviour. The city of Vicenza is of no great extent; however, there are in it fifty-seven churches, convents, and hospitals; the cathedral affords nothing worth a traveller's notice.

This country produces plenty of excellent wine, particularly that of Vicenza is highly celebrated, as it may be drank during the pains of the gout without the least inconvenience.

The inhabitants are accused of being more addicted to revenge than other Italians; whence they are commonly called *gli assassini Vicentini*, "the assassins of Vicenza." Whether this character be just, or not, I shall not pretend to determine; but this I know, that travellers, especially Germans, who are generally too hot, and ready on the least occasion to use the cudgel, should take particular care, in every part of Italy, to avoid quarreling, especially with the possilions and others of the lower class; in many of whom revenge is so predominant a passion, that they have been known to follow a traveller, privately, six or eight stages, in order to watch an opportunity of gratifying it by an assassination.

Open violence is indeed little to be apprehended from them; upon which account the more care is necessary, and the danger the greater; cowards being always cruel.

Murder

Murder in Italy is considered in a very different light from what it is in other countries. When a robbery has been committed, either in the streets, or market-place, assistance is always ready to pursue the offender; but the assassin flies unmolested into a church, or convent, where, to the honour of the clergy be it spoken, the villain receives all possible assistance for making his escape from the hands of the civil magistrate. I remember, that a postilion who drove me, was treacherously stabbed at the posthouse of Pistoia; and though the fact was committed in the presence of more than ten persons, not one of them stirred to apprehend the murderer.

Vicenza is eighteen Italian miles from Padua; and the road lies through a beautiful and level country. Passengers may also go by water from one place to the other, upon the river Bachiglioni and Medoace minor; but this passage is tedious, being no less than sixty Italian miles.

The city of Padua boasts of being the source from which the republic of Venice derived its origin and prosperity. But it is now some centuries since Padua has been under the dominion of the Venetians, and is at present so much declined from its former state, that it hardly contains forty thousand inhabitants.

The university founded here by the emperor Frederic II. to injure that of Bologna, has not at present above four or five hundred students. This change was in a great measure owing to the unbridled licentiousness of the scholars, which was carried to such a pitch of insolence, that no person, after dusk, could, without danger of his life, walk the streets; and it is still the safest method not to be out in the night at Padua.

If a protestant traveller dies here, he is, without any difficulty, buried either in a church or convent, provided he has taken care to get himself matriculated in the university.

The Franciscan church, dedicated to St. Antonio di Padua, is one of the most remarkable in the city.

The high veneration of the inhabitants of Padua for St. Anthony, is so very extraordinary and universal, that even beggars ask alms in the only name of St. Anthony. What can be more shocking than the following words on one of their votive tables, *Exaudit S. Antonius quos non exaudit Deus*. "St. Anthony hears "those whom God himself does not hear."

The chapel of this saint is almost covered with votive pieces, and pictures, representing the favours obtained by his intercession. On one side are shewn two wax tapers of the thickness of a man's body, and fixed in an iron frame, said to have been offered by a Turk, with the intent of blowing up the whole chapel by means of explosive ingredients concealed in them; but it seems St. Anthony prevented this misfortune by rising from his coffin, and ordering them to be put out. A fragrant odour is said to be constantly emitted from his remains, through a crevice behind the altar. The tongue of this saint is kept in a glass shrine in the sacristy with the greatest veneration, and prayers are frequently offered up to it. The number of silver candlesticks, crucifixes, gold chalices, pixes, and other utensils belonging to this chapel is prodigious, and the value immense.

Among the civil edifices of Padua, il Palazzo della Raggione, or the town-house, is esteemed the principal though the great hall doth not deserve the praise common fame hath bestowed upon it. The plan is rhomboidal, a hundred and twenty-four common paces in length, and forty-three in breadth. The roof is lofty, strengthened with iron bars, and covered with lead. On the cieling, Giotto and some of his disciples have allegorically represented the influences of the sun in the twelve signs of the zodiac; but this apartment has not a proper light for fine paintings, nor are they kept in proper order.

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The Paduans are firmly persuaded, that the bones found in a leaden chest, in St. Justina's church, in the year 1413, are actually those of Titus Livy. and accordingly were brought with great solemnity to the council-house, at the request of Xiccione Polentoni, chancellor of Padua, and indeed the restorer of learning in Italy.

The air round Padua is esteemed very healthful, though few cities have so many apothecaries, in proportion to the number of inhabitants. Vipers are not so good one year as another; those taken in the neighbourhood of Rome, are counted the best, and on that account, great quantities are sent from thence to Venice, as an ingredient in the *theriaca Andromachi*, or Venice treacle. As venomous animals have their poison more powerful and efficacious in warm climates and dry soils, consequently those about Padua, a cool and moist country, must be inferior in virtue to those of Rome.

The territory of Padua is subject to storms, particularly those from the sea-coast are extremely violent.

For the honour of the muses, and the better instruction of youths in the university, houses for the *donne libre*, or *donne del mondo*, are publicly tolerated at Padua. These ladies have their respective dwellings appointed them, where they live together in a kind of society, and offer their service to the public. And that so laudable an institution may not be liable to any objection, it is the particular province of some physicians to make frequent, and strict enquiry among these *donne*, lest any bad consequences ensue to such young people as converse with them. There are two of these public temples of Venus in the city of Padua: and what is something singular, one of them joins to the convent of the Eremitical fathers, and the other to a nunnery of St. Blaze.

The Jews have also a particular quarter allotted in the city, and are not suffered to reside in any other part.

Any traveller desirous of improvement, cannot think his time lost in making an excursion into the country, to the south of Padua. The village of Abano, in Latin *Aponum*, about four Italian miles and a half from that city, is much frequented in summer, on account of the warm baths in its neighbourhood.

If Piiny, by the *Fonta Patavini*, means the baths of Abano, not one of them at present emits any smell, as he has observed of them; yet they contain three sorts of water, of very different qualities. Some of the springs yield great quantities of sulphur, and have particular rooms for bathing; where, by means of steps, you descend to any depth required. Others again are boiling hot; from which the water issues in such quantity, as to drive a mill at the distance only of twenty paces from the source, and still continues hot at that distance.

The wooden pipes, by which the water is conveyed to these baths, are incrustated with a white lapideous substance, not easily separated from the wood. The exact impressions of the veins and knots of which, on this concretion, give it the perfect resemblance of petrified wood.

A sudatory, or sweating-place, has been erected here, the effect of which is produced by the steam of the water. Some of the springs, which are lukewarm, are said to be impregnated with lead; and others, from their reddish sediment, and other indications, seem to be ferruginous. Here is also a *Bagno di Fango*, or muddy bath, where arthritic disorders have been cured by the external application of the warm sediment.

The distance betwixt Padua and Venice, is reckoned twenty-five Italian miles; and the passage by water is performed in eight hours. The barques or barges made use of for this purpose, are commodiously fitted up, being adorned with windows, sculpture and painting. A barge of this kind, called *brucello*, or *burchello*, may be hired for a single person, or a whole company together, for a Louis d'or at the most. We went

went as far as the Lagune, or flew on a canal, and the river Brenta, which, by means of four sluices, is rendered so commodious, that the boats may be drawn along by horses. This passage is pleasant, on account of the prospects which every where delight the eye.

Five Italian miles from Venice are the shallows, on which, at low water, you may almost every where touch the bottom with a pole. On the south side of Venice, the sea is of a greater depth, particularly in certain places; but vessels of any considerable burden cannot come up to the city on any side, which is no small security to it from invasions. On the side toward the Terra Firma, all imaginable care is taken to prevent the shallow parts from becoming dry land; by which means the city would be deprived of its advantageous situation.

The city is defended from the violence of the waves by several small islands. It must be owned, that the great number of islands dispersed in the sea, with the churches and other magnificent buildings towering above the water, give the city a very magnificent appearance at a distance: and the canals, which in most parts of the city run close to the houses, excite an admiration in strangers, as the sight is very uncommon. But, excepting the piazza of St. Mark, and a few other places, Venice may be said, without injustice, to have nothing beautiful or grand, when compared with many other cities in Italy. Il Canale Maggiore, or the great canal, is very beautiful, on account of its breadth, and has some grand houses on its banks; but the others are crooked and narrow, and in summer time emit a bad smell, from the great quantity of filth daily running into them. The tide ebbs and flows here about every six hours; but it is not sufficient to cleanse the small canals.

The gondolas glide very swiftly on these canals, but afford a gloomy spectacle; being painted black, and trimmed with black cloth, or serge. They will

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not carry above four or five persons; and as it is impossible to stand upright in one of these gondolas, it has the appearance of going into a hearse covered with black. The fare of a gondolier is seven or eight livres a day, except on Holy Thursday, when they raise their price. The noble Venetians themselves are obliged to paint and trim their gondolas with black, in order to prevent an ambitious emulation among them, in excelling one another in the splendor of these naval equipages. The lady of a noble Venetian, for the first or second year after her marriage, is indulged with greater freedom in this respect. And foreigners may purchase what gondolas they please; but few tarry long enough in this city to make use of this indulgence. So that the only persons here who distinguish themselves by splendid gondolas, are the foreign ministers; who make their entries in these vehicles, decorated with the finest painting, gilding, and sculpture. The canals intersect the whole city; but by means of small bridges, of which there are above five hundred, you may go a great way by land. Most of the houses that front the water, have back-doors to the streets, by which they have a communication, by the bridges, with one another. The streets are very narrow, and after rain very slippery; but particular care ought to be taken in crossing those bridges, the steps and pavement being of the same white stone as the streets.

The city of Venice, according to some, stands on sixty islands; but others increase the number to seventy-two. Indeed, if all the spots which have successively appeared above the water in the Lagoon, are to be counted islands, the number will still be greater. It is probable that some parts of the city were originally islands, so as to require no art or labour to make them more compact. Perhaps the whole foundation was formerly a Terra Firma, as it would otherwise be difficult to conceive how springs of fresh water should be found here. The number of
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these amount to near two hundred ; but many are so indifferent, that the principal families preserve rain-water in cisterns, or are supplied with water from the Brenta.

The circumference of the city of Venice is about six Italian miles, and takes up about two hours to make the circuit of it in a gondola. The inhabitants are supposed to be about two hundred thousand, including those of the islands of Murano, la Guidecca, and those who live on board the barges.

Among the diversions of this city, the carnival is generally counted the chief ; but I question whether an impartial judge would be of that opinion.

Young persons, indeed, who delight only in debauchery, and licentiousness, may here tire themselves, if not satiate their desires ; but these diversions, as well as others, practised on festivals, especially on Ascension day, are of such a nature, that those who find any real pleasure in them, must have abandoned all regard to virtue.

The courtesans who offer their favours here, are absolutely lost to all sense of modesty and common decency ; and the greatest part of them have for their debaucheries and villainous practices, been driven out of the neighbouring dominions, and often bear on their backs, the marks of the punishment they have suffered by the hands of the common hangmen.

The Italians are very fond of masquerades, and generally appear in masques during the whole time of the carnival, except from the preceding Friday to the Shrove-Tuesday, the last day of that jovial season.

A stranger is soon tired of their *ridottos* ; and, as the purses of most travellers will not permit them to game high, it would be imprudent to venture too far in this diversion, especially as the cards are different from what he has been accustomed to. A noble Venetian always holds the bank in the ridotto room, and close by every banker, sit two ladies in masques, who

who are allowed to put him in mind of any mistakes he may chance to commit to his disadvantage.

The grand scene of all the follies exhibited during the carnival, is in the Piazza di St. Marco, where mountebanks, buffoons, and others who live by preying on the vulgar and innocent, erect their stages and booths, to exhibit their shews. But the most ridiculous of all are the old women and men, who sit on a table, and are consulted like oracles, concerning future events and the success of enterprizes. These fortune-tellers, in order to deliver their oracular answers, in such a concourse of people, with the greater security and secrecy, make use of a long speaking-trumpet, the small end of which the consultants apply to their mouths, and convey their enquiries by a whisper, while the conjurer lays his ear to the other aperture, and inverts the trumpet to resolve the proposer's questions. It is diverting to see simple girls, whose looks and behaviour betray a great deal of fear and confusion, coming up to these fortune-tellers, to enquire the fates of their amours. These impostors, in order to gain the greater credit, place some paltry globes, and other astronomical instruments, on a table before them.

In the piazza round St. Mark's square, are several coffee-houses, chiefly frequented by foreigners. Formerly the company might sit down, and converse together at their ease; but that custom has been prohibited, and no benches or chairs allowed: a discovery having been made, that the son of Balagnos, the imperial envoy, had taken the opportunity of a carnival to discourse with several of the Venetian nobility in *masques*.

The use of *masques* is allowed, not only in carnival time, but also on several other occasions; as on the four public feasts of the republic, at the *regatta* or rowing-matches, and other diversions in honour of reign princes; at the nuptials of one of the nobles;
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on the election of procurators of St. Mark, and of Patricians, and also when they enter upon their office; at the public entry of ambassadors, the patriarch, or *premierio*, and the like. The Venetian ladies are impatient for these occasions, and their husbands equally watchful to preserve the honour of the marriage bed. Nor is it advisable to commence any intrigue with these bewitching syrens, there having been instances of its being attended with the most fatal consequences.

On the last Thursday of the carnival, when licentiousness is carried to its greatest pitch, bulls are baited in several streets, particularly in St. Mark's square. These Feste de' Tori may also be seen every Friday morning near the shambles.

The Italian plays in general, are wretched performances; and even those of Venice not much better. As the whole design of the actors is to raise a laugh among the audience, they use all kind of grimaces, and even postures offensive to modesty.

If a traveller cannot contrive to be at Venice in carnival time, the best way is to order his route so as to be there about Ascension-day; and if one of the two must be omitted, I would advise it should be the carnival: for the Ascension festival has all the diversions of the carnival, as masquerades and operas, without any ridottos, or the dissolute revellings of the latter: which are sufficiently compensated by the delightfulness of the season, the annual fair, and the solemnity of the doge's marriage with the sea. This fair begins on the Sunday before Ascension-day, and lasts till Whitsunday; during which time, St. Mark's square is filled with stalls, forming several streets, and all kinds of goods are exposed to sale at the shops in the narrow streets called Le Mercerie, contiguous to that square.

On Ascension-eve the vespers are very magnificently performed, and the miraculous blood of our Saviour, and other precious reliques kept in St. Mark's treasury, exposed to public view in the cathedral.

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On Ascension-day about ten in the morning, after a *Regatta* given by firing of guns, and ringing of bells, the doge, or when he happens to be indisposed, the vice-doge, who is always one of the six *consiglieri*, goes on board the *Bucentaur*, and being accompanied by several thousand barques, gondolas, and galleys finely decorated, and the splendid yachts of ambassadors, is towed about two hundred paces out to sea, between the islands of St. Erasmo, and il Lido di Malamocco. In the mean time the patriarch, who that morning, according to an ancient custom, in commemoration of the simple diet of the clergy in former days, is treated in the Olivetan convent, on the island of St. Helena, with chestnuts and water, together with several of the clergy, come on board the *Bucentaur*, and present the doge and signora with curious nose-gays, which on their return they offer to their acquaintance. The doge is saluted, both at his arrival and on his return, by the cannon of a fort on the Lido, and with the small arms of the soldiers, drawn up along the shore of the Lido; together with the guns from the castle on the island of Rasmo, or Erasmo. Both islands are only two Italian miles from the city; and from an eminence on the Lido, is a distant view of this grand procession; and the vast number of galleys which almost cover the surface of the water, make a splendid appearance.

In the mean time some hymns are sung on board the *Bucentaur*, by the band of music belonging to the church of St. Mark, and particular prayers appointed for the occasion are said, till the doge has passed the two forts of Lido and St. Erasmo; and then he proceeds a little toward the Lido shore, with the stern of his barge turned to the open sea. Here the patriarch pours out some water which has been consecrated with particular prayers, and is said to have the virtue of allaying storms and the raging waves. After this he drops a gold ring into the sea, through a hole in his seat, at the same time repeating these words,

words, *Desponsamus te mare, in signum veri perpetuæ dominii*. "We espouse thee, O sea, in token of our "real and perpetual dominion over thee." The ring is of gold, but plain and without any stones, so as hardly to be worth more than three or four dollars. This ceremony is said to have been first instituted by pope Alexander III. in acknowledgement for the assistance granted by the Venetians: for under the doge Sebastian Ziani, in the year 1177, they not only defeated, in a sea-fight, but also took prisoner Otto, son to the emperor Frederic I. The truth of the whole story is, however, dubious.

The doge, in his return, goes ashore on the island of Lido, where he hears mass performed by the patriarch, in the church of St. Nicholas. In the evening the principal members of the council, and all who accompanied the doge in the Bucentaur, are entertained at the ducal palace. The dessert, representing gondolas, castles, and other figures, is exposed all day to public view.

The sculpture on the new Bucentaur represents the Pagan deities of the sea, nymphs, rivers, sea-animals, and shells, &c. The gilding, which is finely executed, cost between ten and twelve thousand silver ducats. But it must be confessed, that the finest yacht belonging to the king of Great Britain, makes a more splendid appearance, though it cost a much less sum than the former.

There are three officers on board the Bucentaur, under the title of admirals; the first called admiral of the arsenal, the second, admiral of the Porto del Lido, and the third, admiral of del Porto di Malamocco. The first who commands in the vessel, has a most ridiculous oath imposed upon him; namely, that he will bring the doge safely back to the city, in spite of storms and tempests. He is not, indeed, in any great danger of forfeiting his oath: for, if a brisk gale happens to blow, the solemnity is postponed till the ensuing Sunday. This caution proceeds from
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an excessive care for the doge and the signora ; and, at the same time, serves to detain strangers here, who resort from the Terra Firma, by which means more money is spent in this city.

[The dominions of Venice consist of those in Italy, of a considerable part of Dalmatia, of four towns in Greece, and of the islands of Corfu, Pachsu, Antipachsu, Santa Maura, Curzolari, Val di Compare, Cephalonia, and Zante.

The Venetian territories in Italy contain the duchy of Venice, the Paduanese, the peninsula of Rovigo, the Veronese, the territories of Vicenza and Brescia, the districts of Bergamo, Cremasco, and the Marca Trevigiana, with part of the country of Friuli. They extend east and west from the river Adda, which flows from the lake of Como, and reach in one continued line to the duchy of Carniola ; where the curve they form along the Adriatic sea is somewhat interrupted by the Austrian dominions, after which they extend from north to south along the coast of the same sea, and terminate at the province of Istria. Thus the Venetian territories are bounded on the north by Trent, Tirol, and the country of the Grisons ; on the east by Carniola and the gulph of Venice ; on the south by the same gulph, Romania, and the duchy of Mantua ; and on the west by the duchy of Milan : extending about a hundred and eighty miles in length, and in some parts an hundred in breadth.]

The doge of Venice is said to be “ a king with regard to his robes, a senator in the council-house, “ a prisoner in the city, and a private man out of it.” Neither his sons nor brothers are permitted to enjoy any great offices in the city, nor to accept of embassies without the senate’s consent ; of a sief from a foreign prince ; nor a benefice from the pope. Even the doge himself is not permitted to marry the sister or relation of a prince without the permission of the grand council. After his decease, his administration is strictly examined, and frequent opportunities offer of laying a heavy

fine on his heirs, for his mal-administration: during his life-time he is subject to the decrees of the state-inquisition; the president of which has the privilege of visiting at all times; his most secrets, searching his bed and all his writings, without giving to shew the least resentment. In affairs of state he has not the least prerogative; nor can he leave the city without the consent of the senate; and during his life on the Terra Firma, he is considered only as a private nobleman.

The yearly revenue of his office amounts to about thirty thousand dollars, or four thousand pounds sterling, which is spent in defraying the expences of his entertainments he is obliged to give every year: he does not dare to take the smallest present from a foreign prince; nor can he resign his dignity, though he may be deposed. Even instances are to be met of several doges, who have been executed according to their different sentences; and some punished by the loss of their eyes.

It is surprising that under the above circumstances, the dignity of a doge of Venice should be so eagerly pursued; but it must be remembered, that the doge's heart is captivated with external pomp and splendour; and the state and retinue of the doge on all occasions, is very splendid. He is president in all assemblies; and in the great council he has two votes. The people rise when he approaches, when on the throne, he never rises from his seat, nor takes off his hat, or corno, except at the elevation of the host; before a prince of royal blood, or a cardinal, whom he always gives the right hand. His name is also stamped on the coin of the republic; all letters and credentials are directed to the doge, and answered in his name. He has likewise the nomination of the canons and primicerio, or dean of St. Mark's church. He presents to the lower offices of state, and creates knights, with several other honorable privileges.

In order as much as possible to prevent all intrigues in the election of a doge, it is conducted in the following manner: after the funeral of the late doge, the whole grand council is assembled, except those under thirty years of age, who are excluded. A number of balls equal to the number of persons present, which generally amounts to above a thousand, are put into a vessel, thirty of which are gilt with gold, and the rest with silver. Every one of the nobles according to his seniority draw a ball, and those who draw the golden balls, withdraw into a private room to continue the election; but in drawing the golden balls, lest two or three persons of the same family, should be appointed electors, all the relations of that nobleman who has drawn a gilt ball, are obliged to withdraw; and for every person who retires on this account, a silver ball is taken out of the vessel that none may remain. After this the thirty electors, who have drawn the golden balls, draw a second time out of another vessel, in which there are twenty-one silver and nine golden balls. The nine who draw these golden balls, choose forty other electors, all of different families, but are allowed to name themselves of the number; and as all these nine cannot choose an equal number of electors, each of the persons who draw first has the privilege of choosing five, and each of the remaining, four new electors. These forty electors draw from a vessel in which are twenty-eight silvered and twelve golden balls; and those who draw the latter, choose twelve other electors, of whom the senior nominates three, and each of the remaining eleven, two; so that the whole number is twenty-five. These, again, by drawing gold and silver balls are reduced to nine, each of which nominates five persons, who are likewise reduced by lot to eleven. Lastly, these eleven nominate forty-one electors, the eight senior naming four each, and the others three. Each of these, whose number amounts to forty-one, as in the foregoing elections confirmed by the great council, are locked up in a particular

particular apartment of the ducal palace, where they are confined till they have chosen a doge. In the mean time they are treated in the same manner as the cardinals in the conclave; but the time of their confinement here is not so long; for the preliminary elections, with the nomination of the last forty-one electors, are generally dispatched in two days, and the election of a doge commonly in about seven or eight more. The person elected doge must have twenty-five votes out of the forty-one in his favour.

When a person is chosen, he is not permitted to decline the office. In the year 1688, an instance of this happened, when Andreas Contareni, on making some difficulty of accepting the dignity, was threatened with banishment and confiscation of goods, unless he immediately took upon him the office.

All the nobility, amounting to about sixteen hundred, have a seat in the great council. The senate, or Pregadi, consists of about two hundred and fifty members, and is the chief assembly; having the power of making war, peace, and foreign alliances; together with the disposal of all offices both by sea and land. The senate also appoints ambassadors, fixes the standard of the coin, imposes duties and taxes for the service of the state. These two assemblies, namely, the great council and the senate, meet on Sundays and holidays in the palace, in the forenoon during summer, and in the afternoon in winter. The votes are not collected with a becoming decency and regularity for such an august assembly; the charity-boys, or Bollottini, making a great bustle in running about to distribute the balls, or to put them again into the boxes, called *bassoli*, which are painted on one side green, and on the other white. In putting the hand into the balloting box, the person who sits next cannot distinguish on which side the partition the ball is put. The balloting being ended, the drawers, of which there are two also of different colours in each box, are taken out, and the number of

votes carefully computed. The balls in the white drawer are for the affirmative, and those in the green for the negative.

In order to see the great council and senate sitting, you must pay something at the door, and also leave your sword; the nobles themselves not daring, on pain of death, to enter the senate-house armed while the council sits. The lower gates of the palace are locked, and some of the procurators of St. Mark, from their *logietta* or little gallery, at St. Mark's tower, keep a watch, and give notice of the least appearance of any disturbance.

The doge, with his six *consiglieri*, called *la signora* and *il consiglieretto*, and a few others, sit on a seat raised above the rest. The great number of members renders it necessary to transact several weighty affairs by committees.

The third council is called *il Pien Collegio*, and consists of the doge and his six counsellors. In this council letters and instruments relating to the state are read, ambassadors admitted to audience, and other affairs of importance are transacted.

Il Consiglio di Dicci, consists of ten counsellors, the doge and his six *consiglieri*. This court decides all criminal cases, without appeal; and is much dreaded for its severity, as its power extends itself even to the doge himself, and is called *Exellso*, or the high council.

The procurators of St Mark formerly had only the care of the building of the episcopal church; but in time, wills, guardianships, and making a proper provision for the poor, fell under their jurisdiction: and what renders the office still more considerable is, that it is for life. The number of these procurators is at present only nine; but when the state is distressed for money these offices may be purchased.

The tribunal called the state inquisition, consists of three presidents, who are very attentive to every thing that has a tendency to disturb the public tranquillity;

quillity; so that every prudent person should be very careful in talking on state affairs. The very nobility themselves are forbid to hold any conversation with ambassadors, or foreign ministers; for they often violate this order at *ridottos* and balls, having then an opportunity of wearing masques.

For the greater security of the state, heads of leopards and lions are carved on the wall of the ducal palace, with their mouths open, to receive information, by billets, of any plot or treason against the state, or public tranquillity. Behind these mouths are boxes placed to receive these billets, of which the inquisitors alone have the keys. It is left to the discretion of the inquisitors to determine how far such intelligence may be relied on.

Il Tribunale della S. Inquisizione, or the holy inquisition, which the pope at last obliged the republic to receive after a long opposition, consists of the apostolic nuncio, the patriarch, the inquisitor and three senators, as *assistenti* or lay-assessors, nominated by the republic. The power of this court, so formidable in other countries, is here under great restrictions; and all affairs of moment are previously made known to the state by the three assessors. Whatever relates to Jews, Greeks, witchcraft, and the like, is not cognizable by the inquisition; their vigilance being confined merely to heresy and the abuse of the sacraments. Consequently, protestants are permitted the peaceable exercise of their religion in private.

The Lutherans belonging to the German factory maintain a preacher of their own, who wears a lay habit, and styles himself counsellor to the duke of Saxe-Meinungen. This the republic connives at; and protestants, on their part, omit singing psalms in their meetings. They formerly used to bury their dead in the Lido, but a few years ago the German house has purchased of the monks of St. Christopher a piece of ground for that purpose. Such as are scrupulous about kneeling in the streets to the host, need be

under no apprehensions at Venice, where, on account of the narrowness of the passages, and the great numbers of canals, the Eucharist is carried to the sick without any procession.

Here is a particular college instituted for the regulation of dress; but their jurisdiction does not extend to strangers, nor to the ladies of noblemen, during the two first years after their marriage, who are then called noviziate: they are, however, only indulged in wearing a pearl-necklace, a gold fringe round the bottom of their gowns, and giving their gondoliers, or barge-men, ribbons to wear in their hats or caps. But here, as well as in other countries, the dress of the women is connived at; especially the courtesans, who readily find patrons, under whose protection they trespass against this sumptuary law with impunity. Instances, however, are not wanting of their being fined.

The piazza di St. Marco, or St. Mark's palace, is the greatest ornament of the city, and hath the form of a parallelogram, the side, which is two hundred and forty paces in length, and seventy-five in breadth, extending itself to the south along by the ducal palace to the canal. The most considerable part of the area is between the church of St. Marco, and St. Geminiani, which is six hundred and eighty feet in length, two hundred and seventy common paces in breadth, but not uniform; being, near St. Mark's church, a hundred and twenty-six common paces exclusive of the colonade; but nearer St. Geminiano, it is only eighty-nine paces broad. The most considerable buildings, beside the ducal palace and the two above-mentioned churches, are called Procurati, where part of the procurators of St. Mark reside.

Between the two galleries of the Broglio, near the end of the canal, are two large pillars of agate, brought here from Constantinople in the year 1192, when the Venetians made themselves masters of that city, under the command of Sebastiano Ziani, their doge. There were three in number, but one of them in unloading

fell into the canal, and sunk so deep in the mud that it could never be found. Nicolo Barattiero afterwards erected the two remaining pillars, after they had lain years on the ground. On the pillar stands next the ducal palace is a brass lion with its head toward the east, as an emblem of the republic's dominion over several places in the Levant. On the other pillar is a marble statue of St. Theodore, or as they say, St. George, holding his shield in his right hand, which must either proceed from a mistake of the sculptor, or perhaps it was copied from an intaglio. The Venetians indeed say, it was done designedly, to signify the justice of the republic, which only acts on the defensive, but not on the offensive.

Between these two pillars all malefactors are executed, nor would a noble Venetian pass between them on horseback, because when the doge Murrano Falier, who died in the year 1354, was beheaded for treason against the republic, he came to Venice after his election, he was obliged to pass between these two pillars, the water being very shallow in the opposite canal. An armed galley is always in readiness on any sudden exigency.

The Zecca, or mint, lies behind the Procuratie Vecchie, and at the entrance stands the statues of two lions in a stern position; one was done by Titiano, and the other by Girolamo Campagna.

In the Italian word *zeccha*, the *zecchino* or gold derives its name, which passes for a lira more than a German ducat, though both are equal in value. This coin is over valued in order to prevent exportation of the *zecchins*, or at least to induce foreigners to send them back to the Venetian dominions. The smallest pieces of money at Venice, is called *zetta*; and as the literary news-papers at Venice are on a single leaf, so early as the sixteenth century, they were sold for a *gazzetta* apiece, all kinds of news-papers were from thence called *gazzette*, or *gazettes*. In the apartment over the mint, are several fine pictures of painting by Palma, Tintoretto, Marco Tiziano, and others.

The great arsenal is situated in another part of the city, and the gratuities and perquisites paid for seeing it, amount to between thirty and forty liras. Sometimes those who preside over the arsenal are very suspicious, and not long since, they walled up two windows of the Franciscan convent, facing the tower, having been informed that two Frenchmen had, by the help of a telescope, taken from thence an exact view of the arsenal. The different accounts given by travellers of these affairs, depend in a great measure on the temper of the person who attends them. One of our company asked our guide, if while we were viewing them, one might minute some things down, which was readily granted. This famous armory is two and a half Italian miles in circuit, and surrounded with water, and twelve towers. Facing the main entrance is a small marble lion, erected under the gateway. Every one that goes in, is obliged to leave his sword, which is returned at his coming out. The edifice is divided into four large halls, two on the ground floor, and two on the upper story. The arms are ranged along the walks or galleries, embellished with the armour and trophies of Scardenbeg, Mocenigo, Franciscus Morosini, Ziani, Giustiani, Castiani, and other warriors. Over the trophies of Morosini, hang four red hats, to shew that he had been four times commander in chief. In his left hand he holds a blue cap, which the pope sent him. Here are the helmet of Attila, the iron head-piece worn by Calleonius's horse, and several arms taken from the Turks.

In the cellar is a large vessel, filled with wine four times a day, and every workman in the arsenal, though there are a thousand or more, may drink as often, and as much as he pleases. The wine is drawn out by corks, and supposed not to be extraordinary good, being generally mixed with two thirds of water. On the island, on which the arsenal stands, is a fine spring of water.

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The republic hath in all fifty gallies, five and twenty are at sea, and the rest almost ready to quit the harbour. They have likewise twenty-four men of war on the stocks. For each ship and galley, a particular place is built, where they lie unriggered, and unmasted, under cover, and can be kept there without receiving any damage, between fifty and sixty years. From these kind of sheds, they are also launched into the deep canals, of which they have three in the arsenal. Beside the abovementioned twenty-five gallies, in the Venetian arsenal lie, always ready rigged, four galeasses, and the like number of bomb-galliot: and two galeasses are continually kept at sea. A galeass is a large sort of galley, with a low deck, having three masts with sails, and between thirty and fifty oars to each side, and six or seven rowers to every oar. These sit under a deck, on which are guns. Toward the head of this vessel are three tiers of guns, the uppermost consisting of ten pounders, and the other two of four and twenty pounders. Toward the stern, it has two tiers, each consisting of eighteen pounders. The whole number of guns is commonly forty cannon and six culverines. A galeass carries twelve hundred men, the rowers included.

Formerly such a vessel had orders not to strike to twenty-five Turkish galleys; and the captain, who is always a nobleman, was sworn to observe the order: but the case is now altered, and the Turkish navy has of late become more formidable.

A galley is much flatter bottomed than a galeass, and has but two masts, namely, a foremast and main-mast; with only twenty-five or thirty oars on a side, and five or six galley slaves to every oar. It generally carries no more than five guns, the largest of which is placed at the head, and carries a ball weighing between thirty and thirty-four pounds. These vessels go fast, but are not fit for bad weather, and consequently they seldom go far from shore. The Venetians pretend that their gallies exceed all others, as being double-timbered.

timbered. The galliots are smaller than the galleys, and are principally used for transports. Of these fifty are always ready rigged in the arsenal, together with four advice-boats, of which last, the like number are continually out at sea.

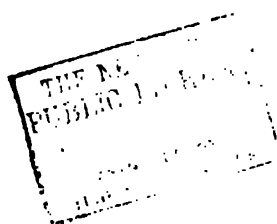
The sailors in the Venetian fleet, are mostly natives of Italy. The republic accustom their subjects but very little to military exercises, being sensible that the people, by reason of their severe oppression, have no great liking to their superiors; and thus the government deprives them of all means, whereby they might be enabled to shake off that yoke, which they bear with such reluctance. Their wars with the Ottoman Porte are usually carried on by troops which they hire from the German princes.

The bridge called Ponte Rialto, is intirely of marble, and consists of a single arch, ninety feet wide*, from the base of one pier to the other. It was built by the architect Antonio dal Ponte, stands on twelve thousand piles of elm, and cost the republic two hundred and fifty thousand ducats. Its breadth a-top is thirty-seven common paces, and divided by two rows of shops, into three streets, the middle street of which is the broadest. At each end, are fifty-six steps of ascent to it. The great canal over which this bridge is built, is narrower here than in any other place, and only forty paces over. It is thirteen hundred paces in length, and along its banks, are the best houses in all the city.

Close to the Rialto are the exchange and the bank. The latter belongs to the state, and pays no interest for money lodged here; the merchants depositing it, partly for security, and partly for the greater facility of transferring and remitting it in trade.

The roofs of the houses in Venice are flat, and covered with tiles. The flooring in most of the apart-

* The centre arch of Blackfriars Bridge at London, is said to be two feet wider than this celebrated bridge.



ents, is a kind of red plaister, made of pulverized marble and brick, mixed up with oil, and is both beautiful and lasting.

Among the curious collections of pictures at Venice, those are to be preferred, which, some years ago, were purchased by the field marshal count Sculemburg, if it might be conjectured that they were to remain any considerable time in this city. Some pieces by Castiglione, deserved particular notice, together with the last siege, and the new fortifications of Corfu, which is not only painted on a picture, but curiously modelled in wood. Corfu is not only a bulwark to the Venetians, against the attack of foreign enemies, but likewise very advantageous on the account of its salt-works, which, with those of the island of Chiofa, an island and city, not lying far from the influx of the Brenta Nuova, and twenty miles distant from Venice, yield an annual revenue of upward of five millions of livres. There is now a garrison of four thousand men; constantly kept in the castle of Corfu; and since count Sculemburg caused several new fortifications to be added to it, may justly be looked upon as one of the strongest places in Europe.

The island of Murano, but a small mile distant from Venice, is governed by its own magistrate, and said to contain eighteen thousand inhabitants.

The beautiful looking-glasses, and other elegant glass-work, made in this island, have spread its reputation into foreign countries; yet this trade is very much decayed, other nations having improved themselves greatly, and discovered an art of making glass, which far surpasses that of Venice, for largeness. The Murano looking-glasses are only blown, whereas in other places, they are cast and ground.

The Venetian clergy are in no great repute, either for learning or morals. The nuns do not observe the strictest discipline, neither are those of noble families kept under a proper restriction: for as they do not voluntarily enter into this reclusive way of life out of a principle

principle of devotion, but are persuaded to take this galling yoke upon themselves against their inclination, for the conveniency of their families; they do every thing in their power to make it supportable. The nuns of St. Lorenzo threatened to set the convent on fire, rather than submit to be brought under a greater restraint. The nuns, on account of their distinguished rank, bear the title of *excellenza*. The vulgar at Venice, as in other places, are superstitious; but persons of quality are often known to run into the other extreme, and not give themselves any concern about religion. Their skill in politics has given them a clear insight of the indignity and detriment accruing by submitting to the ecclesiastical power, and encouraged them to assert several privileges and liberties, of which other nations have suffered themselves to be deprived by the encroachments of the pope. In order to support and perpetuate this liberty, and at the same time prevent disturbances, every person who embraces an ecclesiastical life, is excluded from the great council, and from having any share in the government.

The patriarch, who is at the head of the clergy, styles himself *Divina miseratione Patriarcha Venetiarum*, without the addition used by the bishops of other nations, & *laneta Sedes Apostolica gratia*. He is primate of Dalmatia, metropolitan of the archbishops of Candia, and Corfu, and also of the bishops of Chrozza and Tercello. The council chooses him out of the nobility, and the pope confirms the nomination. His power and dignity are but very inconsiderable, and even at Venice itself, does not extend to the dean and chapter of St. Mark, who bear the title of *Primicerio*.

The number of churches, convents, and hospitals at Venice, are a hundred and fourscore.

In the streets, near many of these religious edifices, are set up white stones, inscribed with the word *Sacrum*, or *Il Sacrato*, to know how far the privileges of every such foundation extends.

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[From the description given by Mr. Sharpe, of Venice, we have extracted the following particulars.—“ Venice, with a few alterations, might appear much more magnificent than it now is: the windows, instead of *salies*, are still, as in the other parts of Italy, made of small panes of glass, inclosed in lead, which is exceedingly paltry; and what is still worse, they are covered with iron grates, exactly resembling those of our prisons, which makes a dreadful gloomy view of the fronts of their palaces. These grates were formerly called *gelosias*, but I question whether they still retain that name; for never was so entire a revolution effected in the manners of a nation, as in this instance of jealousy. In ancient days, wives were immured in Italy, and husbands were jealous: now, no women on earth are under so little restraint, and the word jealousy is become obsolete. The shutters of their houses are plain deal boards, tacked together without the least form or decoration, and not painted like ours in England; so that when a palace is shut up, it very much resembles a bridewell, or an hospital for lunatics. They likewise lay on the roofs of their houses such heavy clumsy tiles, that they very much offend the eye. House-rent is remarkably cheap for so large and so trading a city. A house of seventy pounds a year, I should have guessed at near two hundred, and so of others I enquired after.

The republic is extremely rigid in what regards the quarantine; and indeed, as they border upon those confines where the plague so frequently breaks out, they cannot be too watchful. There is not the least connivance ever practised; all letters, to whomsoever directed, are first opened by the officers, and then smoked before they are delivered. Were Mr. — to have handed over a news-paper to me, and we had been detected in the action, I must inevitably have performed quarantine in the Lazaretto, a certain number of weeks. A few years since, a boy got on board

board one of the vessels performing quarantine, and stole some tobacco ; he was pursued into Venice, and shot dead in the streets. There are many custom-house officers in their boats, watching the quarantine night and day, who would certainly kill the first man who should attempt to escape on shore, before the expiration of the quarantine. —

The theatres are not now open ; but when they are, all the world goes thither, particularly in the season of the carnival, where the barcaroles (gondaliers) make so great a figure, that it is said of them, what our Bickerstaff said of the trunk-maker in the Tatler, that what they censure or applaud, is generally condemned or approved by the public : in short, that it is the barcaroles who decide the fate of an opera or play. These barcaroles are certainly such a body of sober men as in England we have no instance of amongst the lower class of people : in masking-time, however, they indulge the taste of gaming, and doubtless often play with the nobles their masters ; but the brownness and coarseness of their hands betray their occupation : beside that, it is impossible for them to forbear making their boasts, or their complaints, of good and bad fortune, when their dialect and deportment never fail to discover them.

The number, as well as the character of this people, renders their body very respectable : when one considers, that in all the great families, every gentleman keeps a distinct gondola rowed by two men, except some few who have but one rower, it will be readily conceived that the number of barcaroles must be very considerable. They are exceedingly proud of their station, and with some reason ; for their profession leads them into the company of the greatest men of the state ; and it is the fashion to converse with them, to hear their wit and humour, and applaud all they say : beside, the pay of a barcarole is about eighteen pence English, with liveries and little perquisites, which, in so cheap a country, is a plentiful

ifol income to a sober man : accordingly, it is notorious, that all of them can afford to marry, and do marry.

The manner of rowing a gondola, standing and looking forward, may be seen in every view of Venice, and this manner is absolutely necessary for the guidance of a boat in these narrow canals ; but it is curious to observe how dexterous they are by use ; for it is very rare that they touch, much less endanger oversetting, though they are, every instant, within half an inch of each other. One cannot be an hour on these canals without seeing several of the *barcaroles* shifting themselves ; for it is a custom amongst them, to have always a dry shirt ready to put on, the moment after they have landed their fare ; and they would expect to die, if by any accident they were under the necessity of suffering a damp shirt to dry on their bodies. On the other hand, it is curious to observe how little they dread damp sheets through all Italy, at least in summer ; and the people at inns are so little apprised of an objection to damp sheets, that when you beg they would hang them before the fire, they do not understand you, and desire you will feel how wet they are ; being prepossessed, that you mean they have not been washed : in fact, unless you have servants who will dry them for you, it is in vain to expect it should be done.

Gallantry is so epidemical in this city, that few of the ladies escape the contagion. No woman can go into a public place, but in the company of a gentleman, called here a *cavaliere servente*, and in other parts of Italy, a *cicisbeo*. This cavaliere is always the same person ; and she not only is attached to him, but to him singly ; for no other woman joins the company, but it is usual for them to sit alone in the box, at the opera or play-house, where they must be, in a manner, by themselves, as the theatres are so very dark, that the spectators can hardly be said to be in company with one another. After the
opera,

opera, the lady and her *cavaliere servente* retire to her casine, where they have a *tete-a-tete* for an hour or two, and then her visitors join them for the rest of the evening or night: for on some festival or jolly days, they spend the whole night, and take mäs in their way home. You must know a casine is nothing more than a small room, generally at or near St. Mark's-Place, hired for the most part by the year, and sacred to the lady and her cavaliere; for the husband never approaches it. On the other hand, the husband has his revenge; for he never fails to be the *cavaliere servente* of some other woman. There are many examples where the cavaliere, and not the husband, is the object; where the cavaliere is taken immediately into service, and for whose sake the marriage is a pretext and screen.

So many opportunities must, therefore, render this republic a second Cyprus, where all are votaries to Venus, unless it please heaven to pour down more grace amongst them, than falls to the share of other nations in this degenerate age: but the detractors deny that the husbands believe in this partial favour, and assert, they have very little fondness for their children, compared with the parents of other kingdoms: they are the children of the republic, say they, but not so certainly the children of their reputed fathers: the girls, therefore, are early sent to convents, where they remain till they marry or die; and are visited by their fathers and mothers seldom or never; if they marry, they at once burst out from a secluded life, and a narrow education, into the scene of licentiousness I have just described. —

This is the picture of Venetian amours in the present age; but charity would lead one to hope the colours are laid on too strong: politicians, however, pretend to give an easy solution of this licentiousness amongst the ladies: they tell you, that, in former times, the courtezans were a useful class of citizens, whose arms were always open to the wealthy, whether

that they were young or old; that now they have no such character among them, and the stewards that are connived at, receive only the very dregs of the people. Every dissolute man of fortune is, therefore, in a manner, driven into the practice of either keeping a mistress, or becoming a *cavaliere servente*: the former method is more expensive, and less honourable; the latter, consequently, the more prevalent.

The bank of the Rialto is a very small office; and the whole business is transacted by a few clerks, who sit in a small room like an open booth, which faces the exchange. The business of the bank may be aptly compared to that of a banker in England, where merchants deposit a large sum of money, and draw upon the shop for their disbursements.——

We have this day seen a wedding of two of the greatest families in Venice: I say families; for all matches are rather alliances of families, than attachments of the parties married. These marriages are generally public, and the relations are desirous to have as many assistants and witnesses at church as they can collect: it is usual upon this occasion to send an invitation to foreigners. All the women who are admitted, have likewise a formal invitation; but no gentleman is denied entrance. The ladies, who are the acquaintance of the parties, appear as gawdy as their sumptuary laws will suffer them; but these laws oblige them to wear black; so that their laced ruffles and head-dress, with their diamonds, are the chief ornament; and, to say the truth, though their diamonds are numerous; they appear to great disadvantage, by being ill-set in a large quantity of silver. The number of the well-dressed ladies was only fifteen; the rest of the women in the church were of low rank. The bride alone was dressed in white, with a long train; the bridegroom in the usual black dress of a Venetian noble, not unlike one of our counsellors in England with a judge's wig. She was led up

toward the altar by a Venetian noble, where she kneeled, with her husband on her right-hand. They both continued on their knees till the ceremony was finished, which, with the mass, was above half an hour. She was then handed out of the church by the same noble; and, as is the custom, she curtsied and paid her compliments, *en passant*, to all her's and her husband's friends. Upon this occasion there are epithalamiums printed, and made presents of to certain spectators and acquaintance. It must happen now and then, that a rich Venetian has no son; in which case, a daughter may be a great fortune; but, in general, a young lady with six or seven thousand pounds, is esteemed a good fortune; for the ambition of the noble families is to unite, as much as possible, their riches with their name. The ladies here, as also at Turin and Milan, are generally very fair: the men are not so handsome, but I think remarkably tall. Look at any class amongst them, the nobles for example, and you will find very few short men amongst them."——

Mr. Sharpe farther remarks,——“ Venice, from its system of policy, opens the doors of her nobles to very few strangers. No country in the world adheres more rigidly to her ancient laws and customs than this republic. Amongst others, there is one ordinance that not only prohibits the nobles themselves from holding the least intercourse with foreign ministers; but it is so very severe, that should even one of their servants pass the threshold of an ambassador, he would infallibly be sent to prison. The law renders the life of a foreign minister exceedingly dull and unsocial; beside that, it stops the channel through which young gentlemen on their travels would naturally find access to the best company. I believe the origin of this law at Venice, had its rise from a frivolous narrow conceit of preventing plots against the state; but, in a sumptuary view, it may be useful, as it suppresses that emulation in luxury, which

which the visits betwixt their nobles and the foreign ministers would naturally produce.

The nobles are said to be above fifteen hundred in number, and it will therefore be readily supposed, that far the greater part of them are poor; as all the sons are noble, and they have no means of adding to their patrimony, but by attaining magistracies and offices in the government, which are not lucrative, compared with English employments. By an ancient act of the senate, a noble must not be concerned in any article of commerce, though it is whispered that many of them have clandestine partnerships. The sons too being all nobles, they divide their states more equally than in monarchical kingdoms, where the eldest son only, in order to support the honour of the family with the more splendor, enjoys the title and estate. It is true, that in Venice, the eldest has some benefit from his primogeniture; but, for the reasons I have mentioned, that benefit is not very considerable. It is the ambition of every noble to marry one daughter to a noble; on which account he sends the others to convents, that he may be better enabled to give her a fortune, and provide handsomely for his sons. There are four convents in Venice, to which four hospitals are annexed, that give names to the convents. They are of a very singular institution in one article, being open to a certain number of poor young women, who are thoroughly instructed in both vocal and instrumental music. They exhibit in their churches, on particular days of the week, and some festivals, and are much frequented, as the performance is finer than one expects in any other place than a theatre. The condition upon which they accept their education, is to remain in the convent until such time as their talents shall induce some one to marry them. This happens very rarely, so that they generally sing on till their voices are lost, and their names are almost forgotten. The founders of this charity had, as it appears, too ex-

altered an opinion of the power of music; for, however beautiful the girls may be, they trust only to their melody, being intercepted from the sight of the audience, by a black gauze hung over the rails of the gallery in which they perform: it is transparent enough to shew the figures of women, but not in the least their features and complexion.—

The poor people live very well in the city of Venice, which, however, may, in a great measure, be ascribed to their ignorance of gin and brandy. They love gaming, and are, consequently, often needy; but the government connives at it, and are rather pleased to have them so: as for those who, by sickness, or other accidents, are reduced to poverty, there is an abundance of charitable foundations; however, the swarms of beggars are surprisingly great. The trade of begging, in all catholic countries, will necessarily prosper, so long as that species of charity, which is bestowed on beggars, continues to be inculcated by their preachers and confessors, as the most perfect of all moral duties.

I must take notice of some disadvantages this city labours under. The water here is such an invitation to gnats, that no stranger to this place will conceive the torments we suffered every day and night from these insects; and it must be granted that the canals, at low water, are often, in the summer, very offensive, perhaps unwholesome. The bread is indifferent, and the wine, as through all Italy to this city, very bad. As they live in the midst of salt water, all the water they drink, except what is brought from the Brenta, is collected from the rain which falls on their houses: to this end they dig a well, which, at a certain depth, they surround with a wall of terras, made so exact, that the salt water in the canals may not flow into the well: then they lay a bed of shingle, through which the water filters into the well, and is in the most perfect state of the water: however, as every housekeeper thinks his

his well better finished than that of his neighbour, one may conclude that some of them are porous, and do admit more or less salt water into them. The frequency of diarrhæas is another argument, that the water they drink is purgative; but perhaps one of the greatest inconveniencies of these wells is, that they do not contain water enough for a family, in case of long droughts, which frequently happen in Italy.

All pleadings at the bar must be in the Venetian dialect, which is unpleasant to the ear of a foreigner; and though none but an Italian should dare to criticise on the stile and taste of an Italian, yet a foreigner may venture to pronounce, that the Venetian dialect is a corrupt Italian, as they have letters in their alphabet which most of the natives of this town can never learn to utter; and are therefore obliged to drop entirely, or to substitute others in their place. For example, in all words where the letter *g* is introduced, this observation takes place; for, instead of pronouncing it in the words, *Giudice, Giulio, Giovanne*, and a thousand others, they say, *Dudice, Dulio, Diovanne*, &c. and in the words *Mangiare, Ragione*, they drop it almost entirely, and say *Maniare, Raione*, &c. Then again the Tuscans, and indeed the Italians of almost every other state, pronounce the *ci* and *ce*, as we should by putting an *b* betwixt the initial and final letters, as in the words *chirp* and *chefs*; but a Venetian has not the power of expressing those words, otherwise than *sirp* and *sefs*.

If this stricture on their language be a little too bold, I may venture at least to take some freedoms with the indecorum of their bar. I shall not enter into the particulars of the extraordinary forms of their narrators, their interruptors, &c. a noisy, uncivilized manner of pleading; but shall only describe, if I am able, the agitation and fury of the pleaders, more like that of a demoniac, than of a man endeavouring, by sound reason, to convince the judges and the

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audience of the justice of his client's cause. Every advocate mounts into a small pulpit, a little elevated above the audience, where he opens his harangue with some gentleness, but does not long contain himself within those limits; his voice soon cracks, and what is very remarkable, the beginning of most sentences (whilst he is under any agitation, or seeming enthusiasm, in pleading) is at a pitch above his natural voice, so as to occasion a wonderful discord: then, if he means to be very emphatical, he strikes the pulpit with his hands five or six times together, as quick as thought, stamping at the same time, so as to make the great room rebound with this species of oratory. At length, in the fury of his argument, he descends from the pulpit, runs about pleading on the floor, returns in a violent passion back again to the pulpit, thwacks it with his hands more than at first, and continues in this rage, running up and down the pulpit several times, till he has finished his harangue. They seem to be in a continual danger of dropping their wigs from their heads, and I am told it sometimes happens. The audience smile now and then at this extraordinary behaviour; but were a counsellor to plead in this manner at Westminster, his friends would certainly send for a Bedlam doctor. I take it for granted there may be some few who speak with more dignity; but the advocates I saw were all men of eminence in their profession; and believe me, when I assure you, that the account I have here given of the usage of the bar, is exact and simple, though it may seem to favour of extravagance."—]

In travelling from Venice to Vienna, the shortest road is through Padua, where you agree with a vetturino, who for carriage and diet generally charges from twelve to fourteen ducats for every passenger; but as few remarkable objects present themselves in that road, to satisfy the curiosity of a traveller, our company determined to take the way of Trieste and Fiume;

Fiume, two places now famous for commerce, and from thence to take a view of the natural curiosities in the duchy of Carniola. Those who are fearful of committing themselves to the mercy of the sea, may perform the journey by first going in a bark to Fofette, and from thence in a chaise to Palma. Being arrived at Monte Falcone, a bark may be easily hired to Trieste.

The mildness of the season encouraged us to take the shortest way, by going from Venice to Trieste by sea, and accordingly we provided ourselves with certificates of health, which are distributed gratis, at a large edifice opposite the salt-office.

Trieste is beautifully situated on the declivity of a hill, about which the vineyards form a semicircle. The town is but small, and the fort, which stands on an eminence, is surrounded with ditches; but otherwise in a very defenceless condition, and garrisoned only with forty-five men. They are at present erecting some new fortifications on both sides of the narrow passage leading into the inner harbour. The natives of Trieste are accused of being lazy and proud, never applying themselves to any useful employment, and of being of such an envious disposition, as to molest strangers to the utmost of their power.

About a German mile from Trieste is the castle of Servulo, situated on a high mountain, from whence there is an enchanting prospect. Near it is the mouth or entrance of a famous cavern, in which the lapideous exudations have formed, on the top and sides, several large pillars, and a variety of figures of white and blue colours. This cavern is very spacious, and at the entrance into it, being on the side of a mountain, upward of thirty stone steps are cut in the acclivity, for the convenience of those who are fond of the curiosities of nature. In a rock, just under the castle of St. Servulo, is another cave, to the entrance of which you pass over a draw-bridge. The inhabitants of the country, in troublesome times, used to

lodge their goods and effects in this cavern, and by drawing up the bridge effectually secure them from the enemy.

Fiume is situated in a valley near the sea, and noted for good wine, figs, and other fruits.

Adlsberg, or, in the Slavonian language, *Coll Raskina*, is seven German miles distant from Fiume. After ascending about half way up the acclivity near Adlsberg, by the mill, you arrive at a large cavern, divided into several spacious passages. The sparry decorations of the roof appear like icicles, and wonderfully delight the eye. The sides likewise are covered with the same natural exudations, to which the imagination of the curious spectator frequently gives various forms, never intended by nature; so that it is no wonder to hear some people pretend that they have seen the heads of horses, dragons, tigers, and other monstrous appearances. If a person's curiosity will lead him so far, he may rove about two German miles in the subterraneous passages of this cavern.

About a German mile farther, towards the north-west, are also several remarkable caverns; in one of which, great part of the castle of Lueg, belonging to count Cobentzl, stands as under a roof. In the Slavonian language this castle is called *Jamma*, which signifies a hole or cave.

About three quarters of a league from Adlsberg, is the remarkable subterraneous passage, called St Mary Magdalen's Cave, to which there is no going but on horseback. The stones and bushes are exceedingly troublesome; but even this fatigue is amply rewarded by the satisfaction a curious person enjoys, in seeing such an extraordinary cavern. It is not, indeed, equal to that of Adlsberg in height, but in several other particulars, far surpasses it; and I must confess, is the finest I ever saw. You first descend into a kind of hole, where the earth seems to be fallen in, for ten paces before you arrive at the entrance,

trance, which appears like a chasm in a rock, caused by an earthquake. Here the torches are lighted to conduct travellers, the cave being extremely dark, and divided into several apartments or halls. The vast number of pillars, formed by nature, in this wonderful cavern, give it a very magnificent appearance, being exceeding beautiful, as white as snow, and almost transparent. The bottom is of the same materials, so that a person may imagine he is walking among the ruins of some stately palace, surrounded by magnificent pillars and columns, some entire, and others mutilated.

At Planina, those who are curious take horse, in order to visit Cirknitz, about a German mile from it. This is but a small village, and of itself not worth seeing; but the lake, which lies about half a league from it, is very famous, and has been the subject of the disquisitions of many naturalists.

It is a common proverb, that in the Cirknitzersee a person may sow, reap, hunt, and fish, within the space of one year; but this circumstance is not peculiar to the lake, but common to every other spot overflowed with water in the winter and spring; but what is really wonderful, is the ebbing and flowing of this lake. The former happens in a long drought, whether it be summer or winter; and the last year the water was absorbed twice entirely: the first time in the summer, and the second in the winter following. The lake generally continues to ebb for five and twenty days; the water, during that time, running off by holes or cavities, which are eighteen in number, resembling so many whirlpools. The cavities do not absorb an equal quantity of water in the same time; for that called Ramine empties itself in five days, and in five days more the Vodonos becomes dry: five days after this, the Reschatto is evacuated; and at the end of five days more the Koten pool is empty: and lastly, at the end of the succeeding five days the Levische is dried up. The water,
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during that time, is also absorbed by the other thirteen holes or whirlpools; so that in twenty-five days the lake is entirely dry. After a fortnight's settled drought in summer, the lake is observed again to ebb; but if it happens to rain for two or three days, it fills again. Instances have been known of its being dried up three times in a year.

Any peasant may purchase the liberty of fishing in this lake for three siebenzehner, or one and fifty cruzers, in which part of this lake he pleases, and as often as he will, till the waters begin to fall; but on the return of the water, this licence must be again purchased. Some of the pools or cavities, which have but few fish in them, are given to the peasants to be cleared; and when the water begins to fall, a bell is rung at Cirknitz, on which all hasten to the place of this gleaning, as it is called, from which only a few holes are exempted. What fish is not consumed while fresh, is dried by the fire. Above one hundred peasants take the advantage of this fishery, and the men and women run promiscuously to the pools, quite naked, notwithstanding both the magistrates and clergy have used their joint endeavours to suppress this indecent custom; which gives occasion to a great deal of laughter and indecent language among strangers who happen to be present. Beside, such sights are strong temptations to recluses; and though the women of the lower class in this country cannot boast of their beauty, yet they are not disagreeable to those who never see any of the sex beside.

Notwithstanding every part of the lake is absolutely dried up, and nothing remains alive in it except the spawn and young fry in Narte and Piauze, and the fish in the river Jesser; yet, on the return of the water, as great a number of fish are seen in it as before. The fish that return with the water are of a very large size, particularly jacks, weighing from fifty to seventy pounds each; a convincing proof that

that the reservoir which supplies this lake with water is well stocked with fish.

When great quantities of rain fall, three of the cavities, namely, Kotten, Jenslenza, and Treßetz, eject water to the height of two or three fathoms. If the rain continues, and especially if attended with claps of thunder, the water issues out of all the holes through which it was absorbed, those of Velka and Mala Karloufa alone excepted, and the whole lake is again filled with water in twenty-four, nay, sometimes in eighteen hours. Some of the holes or cavities only eject, but never absorb water; while others both eject and absorb, during the ebb or flow of the lake. Nor do fish rise with the water through all the holes, owing possibly to the narrowness of the syphons through which the water flows. Sometimes even live ducks, with grass and small fish in their stomachs, have emerged from these cavities; a sufficient proof that there must be a large lake under the Cirknitzersee. The water in the latter sometimes rises suddenly five or six feet above the usual height.

On one side of the lake, considerably above the surface of the water, is a rock, in which are two holes at some distance from each other; through both which the water issues, during a thunder shower, with great noise and impetuosity. When this happens in the autumn, a great number of ducks are ejected; these fowls are fat, of a black colour, blind, and almost destitute of feathers; but in about a fortnight, are full-fledged, recover their sight, and fly away. Each of these apertures is about six feet diameter, and eject, during these storms, a constant column of water of the same dimensions.

This lake has three pleasant islands, beside a peninsula. Its greatest extent is a large German mile, or two leagues, and one league in breadth. The inhabitants call it Zerknishu Jessen; the former denoting a small church, and the latter water. The greatest depth, exclusive of the cavities and holes,

is about four fathoms. Strabo calls it *Agave pulchra*, either from the town of Lucg, not far from it, or from its deep and cavernous bed.

Being desirous of viewing the imperial quicksilver mines of Idra, I determined to take the shortest road from Planina, which lies through Loidsch; but was obliged to go by the way of Upper Lumbach, a town situated about two German miles from Planina.

Virgin quicksilver, or *minera mercurii*, is that prepared entirely by nature, and is found in the ore of these mines in globules or little drops, and sometimes flows like the milk from a cow; so that in six hours a single person has been known to gather above five and thirty pounds of this virgin mercury, of great use in making the *noctiluca mercurialis*, or lucid barometers, which being shaken in the dark, in a perpendicular direction, emit light; but brighter when the mercury falls, than when it rises.

Virgin mercury may be known by the following experiment. Let an amalgama be made of mercury and gold, put it over the fire to evaporate, and if it be virgin mercury, it will carry all the gold away with it, which common mercury will not.

Every common miner receives weekly, in money and provisions, about a guilder and a half, or 3 s. 6d. sterling; but the health of many of them is extremely impaired, being often affected with nervous disorders, violent tremblings, and sudden convulsive motions in their heads and legs. The quicksilver insinuates itself surprisingly into the bodies of many of those workmen. The same pernicious effects have been felt by goldsmiths, who cannot gild without using quicksilver; on which account it is also safest to work in the open air. Those who silver looking-glasses at Venice, are very subject to paralytic disorders. On the other hand, there are instances of persons labouring under venereal distempers, who have been cured by working in the quicksilver mines.

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The penetrative subtilty of mercury is less surprising, as it appears from accurate observations, that a little globule of quicksilver, not exceeding a coriander seed in magnitude, may, by only pressing it between the finger and thumb, be divided into twenty-seven millions of small particles, all retaining their argentine lustre and globular form, as may be seen through a microscope.

There is a considerable demand for quicksilver at Venice, where it is used in silvering looking-glasses, and some of it is sent to Rome and Naples.

From Laubach to Gratz in Stiria, are ten stages: the third, namely, from St. Oswald to Franze, is very craggy; and on the road is a stone inscribed with these words, *Fines Carniolæ*, marking the limits between the duchy of Carniola and the country of Cilley. About twenty paces on this side of it is a fine square pyramid on a basis of black marble; and on the top an eagle, with his wings expanded, and looking toward Carniola. In his claws are a globe and scepter; on each side of it is a fulsome inscription in Latin.

Two stages from Gratz, in the way to Vienna, on the right-hand of Retelstein, is a cave, out of which are continually dug large bones, called *Unicornu Fossile*, not unlike those of Canstein. The entrance into this cave is very spacious, and under a rock. These bones may be conjectured to have belonged to some wild beasts, which, at the time of the deluge, or some other extraordinary inundation, had sheltered themselves in this cavern.

Laxemburg, formerly known by the name of Lachendorf, is generally the spring-residence of the imperial court. A large plain in the neighbourhood, is very commodious for hunting the heron, a diversion of which the late emperor Charles VI. was very fond: but the palace is not worth seeing, either with regard to architecture or furniture.

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From Neustadt, almost to Luxemburg, is a barren plain: and I must confess that all this and that part of Austria bordering on it, did not answer the idea I had before formed of them, either in point of beauty or fertility. But from Luxemburg to Vienna is a charming country, and the leading over Vinerberg, a small hill, but affords an excellent prospect, is delightfully planted with rows of trees.

[As we are going to enter the city of Vienna, capital of the whole German empire, and the residence of the emperor, it will be a proper place to add a few words of general description, of the collective body which composes that celebrated empire; without descending to minute particulars.

Germany, which is called by the French *Magne*, and by the natives themselves *Deutsch*, is bounded by France, the Netherlands, and the man Sea on the west; by South Jutland and the Baltic on the north; by Polish Prussia, Poland, Hungary on the east; and by the Gulph of Venice the dominions of the state of Venice and Swabian land on the south; extending from $45^{\circ} 4'$ to 46° north latitude, and from 6° to $19^{\circ} 45'$ east longitude: accordingly its greatest extent from north to south is six hundred and forty English miles in length, and five hundred and fifty in breadth.

Germany is divided into ten circles, in order to promote and maintain the public welfare; for a more just division and collection of the aids granted by the empire, either in men or money; and for preventing and remedying the disorders in the coinage, &c. The circles have, however, no particular regulation with respect to precedence, but are very differently ranked in the ordinances and laws of the empire. These are the Austrian, the Burgundian, the Electoral Rhenish, the Franconian, the Swabian, the Upper Rhenish, the Lower Rhine,

Westphalian, the Upper and Lower Saxon. But this division of the circles is imperfect, in not including all the dominions of the German empire ; for Bohemia, Moravia, the Lusatias, and the Silecias, are not comprized within them ; nor was a sufficient regard paid to the situation of the countries.

With respect to religion, the circles are divided into those that are entirely Popish, as the Austrian and Burgundian ; into such as are wholly Protestant, which are those of Upper and Lower Saxony ; and into the mixed, to which all the others belong.

The emperor's title runs thus, " F. by the grace of God elected a Roman emperor, and at all times augmenter of the empire of Germany." Next follow the titles of the hereditary imperial dominions. The states of the empire give the emperor the title of most illustrious, most powerful, and most invincible Roman emperor ; but the last is omitted by the electors.

The prerogatives of the emperor consist partly in his being looked upon by all other crowned heads and states in Europe as the first European potentate, and consequently has precedence given him and his ambassadors. With respect to the German empire, he is its supreme head, and as such enjoys many privileges. Yet his power in the administration of the German empire is limited, as well by the capitulation of the election, the other laws of the empire, by treaties, as by the customs of the empire. Those privileges which he has the right of exercising without the advice of the states, are called his *reservata* ; but his greatest power does not consist in these, which are far from being repugnant to the liberties of the states of the empire.

His rights, with respect to ecclesiastical affairs, consist in little more than confirming ecclesiastical elections, and sending commissaries to the elections of archbishops, bishops, and abbots, that they may be performed

performed in due order; but the commissary is never personally present at these elections.

With respect to temporal affairs, the emperor has the right of bestowing personal dignities; as for instance, the creating of noblemen, as lords, barons, counts, who enjoy the dignity of princes, and of knights and gentry, as also that of raising countries and territories to a higher rank; of bestowing coats of arms, as also the enlarging, improving, and altering them. He has the power of establishing universities, and enabling them to confer academical degrees; of granting a right of holding fairs and markets, and of erecting any place into a sanctuary. He has likewise the power of bestowing letters of respite, of securing a debtor against his creditor, and of conferring majority on minors. He can put children who are born out of wedlock upon the footing of such as are legitimate; can confirm the contracts and stipulations of the members of the empire; and so far remit the oaths extorted from them, that they may commence an action at law against another, on account of the very thing for which the oath was administered.

The emperor, however, has no right, without the consent of the collective states of the empire, to put one of those states under the ban; to exclude a state of the empire from a seat and voice in its colleges; to interfere in the laws of the empire; to conclude treaties in affairs relating to the empire; to involve it in a war; to raise levies; or to conclude a peace in which the empire is concerned; to appoint taxes in it; to regulate the coinage; to build forts in the empire; or to determine religious disputes.

The successor in the administration is frequently chosen by the electors during the life of the emperor, and the person so chosen, is stiled king of the Romans. He is elected and crowned in the very same manner as the emperor; and though he has properly no kingdom,

dom, is actually a crowned head; is saluted with the title of majesty, and enjoys the title of perpetual augmentor of the empire, and king of Germany. He bears a spread eagle with one head, in his arms, and takes precedence before all other kings of Christendom.

With respect to the emperor's court and chancery, he has for his assistants the arch-offices of the empire, which are filled by electors.

Of the nine electors, three are spiritual, and the rest temporal. Of the former is the elector of Mentz, who is arch-chancellor of the holy Roman empire, and director of the electoral college. The elector of Treves, who is the second spiritual elector, is the arch-chancellor of the holy Roman empire in Gaul and the kingdom of Arles; but this is at present no more than a mere title. He has the first voice at the election of a king of the Romans, and consequently precedes the elector of Cologne. The elector of Cologne is arch-chancellor of the holy Roman empire in Italy, and has a second voice at the election of a king of the Romans.

The temporal electors are the following: the king of Bohemia, the elector of Bavaria, the elector of Saxony, the elector of Brandenburg, the elector Palatine, and the elector of Hanover. The king and elector of Bohemia is arch-cup-bearer of the holy Roman empire. His other prerogatives are, his preceding all other temporal electors, walking in procession immediately after the emperor, followed by the empress, and the electors of Mentz and Cologne; and in the electoral college he has a third voice. The elector of Bavaria is arch-secrer of the holy Roman empire. The elector of Saxony is arch-marshal of the holy Roman empire. At the diets, and on other solemn occasions, he carries the sword of state before the emperor, and at the coronation rides into a heap of oats, and fills a silver measure with them. The elector of Brandenburg is arch-

chamberlain of the empire, and carries the scepter before the emperor, and presents him with water in a silver basin, for him to wash his hands. The elector Palatine has the office of arch-treasurer, and throughout all Germany is protector of the order of St. John; he can also raise nobles and gentlemen to the degree of counts. The elector of Bavaria being put under the ban of the empire, and the Palatine obtaining the office of arch-secrer, the elector of Brunswic Lunenburg also obtained the office of arch-treasurer, a title which he still bears, till another suitable office be found him. He enjoys the alternate succession of the bishopric of Osnaburg, with some other rights and privileges; and his electoral jurisdiction extends both to the territories of Hanover and Zell. Indeed, the emperor Leopold raised the illustrious house of Hanover, on account of the extraordinary services both he and the empire had received from it, to the electoral dignity, so early as the year 1692; but those electors obtained neither a seat nor a voice in the electoral college till the year 1708.

After these follow in rank the princes of the empire, who are partly spiritual and partly temporal; partly old, and partly new, or first raised to that dignity since the reign of Ferdinand II. The spiritual princes are either archbishops, bishops, or princely abbots; and to them likewise belong the Teutonic masters, together with the mastership of the order of St. John. Among the temporal princes is an archduke, and the rest are either dukes, palgraves, margraves, landgraves, burgraves, princes, or princely counts.

The diet of the empire is an assembly of the emperor, and of all the states, or their envoys and plenipotentiaries, in order to consult and take resolutions in such affairs as concern the whole German empire. The diet is summoned by the emperor, who, after consulting with the electors, appoints the time and place

place where it shall meet, which must be within the German dominions. The emperor either assists at it in person, or has a principal commissary, who is generally an old imperial aulic counsellor, and a person of learning raised to the dignity of a baron.

The respective states may either appear themselves, or by their envoys; or charge another state, or its envoys, with their voice.

The states of the empire, in their consultations, divide into three colleges, the electoral, the princely, and the college of the imperial cities: each of the two first, which are called the higher colleges of the empire, has a principal and bye-chamber of its own; but all the three colleges meet to hear the imperial proposals, and at the exchanging of the conclusions of both the higher colleges against the imperial cities, in the hall of correlatives.]

The city of Vienna is not of itself very large; consisting only of twelve hundred and thirty-two houses; and a walk round the ramparts may be performed in little more than an hour. The number of its inhabitants, from exact computations, amounts to fifty thousand: but the suburbs, which extend between five and six hundred common paces from the fortifications, occupy a large space of ground; so that it would take four hours to ride round the line thrown up against the malecontents of Hungary in 1704, though this, on both sides, only extends to Leopoldstadt. If therefore the whole suburbs be included under the name of Vienna, the number of inhabitants will amount to between three hundred and three hundred and fifty thousand; of which the burghers are annually about seven thousand. The streets of the city are very narrow and crooked. The imperial court has the privilege of quartering soldiers in the second story of each citizen's house; and as this is a great diminution of the proprietor's rents, beside the narrowness of the fronts, the citizens endeavour to make themselves amends by the height of the build-

buildings; so that the houses in Vienna are from six to seven stories high: one of these, in the square, called Hlof, has on one side seven stories, and on the other eight.

There are in Paris more magnificent houses than at Vienna, but the courts before them, and the gates, which are generally shut, greatly diminish their appearance. The palaces in Vienna are indeed generally hid, as it were, in narrow streets; but in stateliness and extent, they very far surpass those at Paris, especially if the grand structures in the suburbs are included.

A person of quality and fortune, who is fond of gaming, may here indulge that disposition to the full, and is sure of being received in all assemblies. But it is necessary, previously, to weigh the state of your purse, before you engage too far, as gaming is here carried to a very great height.

Beside the assemblies of the first nobility, here are many others, consisting of such persons as are not admitted into those of the best quality; for Vienna swarms with upstart noblemen, or with persons who give themselves out for such, though really they have no claim to nobility. As soon as a man becomes master of a fortune, his head is turned with the thoughts of a patent of nobility, and few set out with less than the title of a baron.

Among those who live most agreeably at Vienna, are the proctors or attorneys of the imperial court of justice, some of whom acquire annually upward of ten thousand guilders, each equal to two shillings and four pence. Most citizens employ such an agent or attorney at the rate of twenty-four, to thirty guilders a year, for managing any processes; a nobleman thirty-six guilders. The Protestants are allowed the public exercise of their religion at the houses of the Swedish, Danish, and Dutch ambassadors; but they must take care not to meet a procession of the host, unless they think proper to pay the usual adoration.

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The imperial park, or paddock, called Prater, an island in the Danube, is much frequented in the spring for its pleasant airy walks. The *Au-Garten* is open all the year, where the walks, hedges, and groves are so pleasant, that it is generally frequented by persons of distinction. Beside the imperial riding-house, those of the princes Schwartzenberg, Lichtenstein, Dietrickstein, count Staremborg, and especially that of count Paar in Alster-street; are well worth seeing.

The trade of Vienna is little answerable to its largeness and convenient situation. This is partly owing to the heavy duties on most commodities brought hither, particularly those on wine, oxen, and other provisions coming out of Hungary. The east-country company pay three per cent. for all they import, which has caused them to raise their prices considerably.

[Lady Montagu affords us the following entertaining particulars relating to this famous city.—

“ We travelled by water from Ratibon, a journey perfectly agreeable, down the Danube, in one of those little vessels, that they, very properly, call wooden houses, having in them all the conveniences of a palace, stoves in the chambers, kitchens, &c. They are rowed by twelve men each, and move with such an incredible swiftness, that in the same day you have the pleasure of a vast variety of prospects: and within the space of a few hours, you have the pleasure of seeing a populous city, adorned with magnificent palaces, and the most romantic solitudes, which appear distant from the commerce of mankind, the banks of the Danube being charmingly diversified with woods, rocks, mountains covered with vines, fields of corn, large cities and ruins of antient castles. I saw the great towns of Passau and Lintz, famous for the retreat of the imperial court, when Vienna was besieged. This town, which has the honour of being the emperor’s residence, did not at all answer

my expectation, nor ideas of it, being much less than I expected to find it: the streets are very close, and so narrow, one cannot observe the fine fronts of the palaces, though many of them very well deserve observation, being truly magnificent. They are built of fine white stone, and are excessive high. For as the town is too little for the number of the people, who desire to live in it, the builders seem to have projected to repair that misfortune, by clapping one town on the top of another, most of the houses being of five, and some of them of six stories. You may easily imagine that, the streets being so narrow, the rooms are extremely dark, and what is an inconvenience much more intolerable in my opinion, there is no house has so few as five or six families in it. The apartments of the greatest ladies, and even of the ministers of state, are divided, but by a partition, from that of a taylor or shoe-maker; and I know no body that has above two floors in any house, one for their own use, and one higher for their servants. Those that have houses of their own, let out the rest of them to whoever will take them, and thus the great stairs (which are all of stone) are as common and as dirty as the street. 'Tis true, when you have once travelled through them, nothing can be more surprisingly magnificent than the apartments. They are commonly a suite of eight or ten large rooms, all inlaid, the doors and windows richly carved and gilt, and the furniture such as is seldom seen in the palaces of sovereign princes in other countries. Their apartments are adorned with hangings of the finest tapestry of Brussels, prodigious large looking-glasses in silver frames, fine japan tables, beds, chairs, canopies, and window curtains of the richest Claret damask or velvet, almost covered with gold-lace or embroidery. All this is made gay by pictures and vases of japan China, and large luitres of rock crystal. I have already had the honour of being invited to dinner by several of the first people of

of quality, and I must do them the justice to say, the good taste and magnificence of their tables very well answer to that of their furniture. I have been more than once entertained with fifty dishes of meat, all served in silver, and well dressed; the dessert proportionable, served in the finest china. But the variety and richness of their wines, is what appears the most surprising. The constant way is, to lay a list of their names upon the plates of their guests along with the napkins, and I have counted several times, to the number of eighteen different sorts, all exquisite in their kinds.—I must own, I never saw a place so perfectly delightful as the Fauxbourg of Vienna. It is very large, and almost wholly composed of delicious palaces. If the emperor found it proper to permit the gates of the town to be laid open, that the Fauxbourgs might be joined to it, he would have one of the largest and best built cities in Europe.—

I have so far wandered from the discipline of the church of England, as to have been last Sunday at the opera, which was performed in the garden of the Favorita; and I was so much pleased with it, I have not yet repented my seeing it. Nothing of that kind ever was more magnificent; and I can easily believe, what I am told, that the decorations and habits cost the emperor thirty thousand pounds sterling. The stage was built over a very large canal, and at the beginning of the second act, divided into two parts, discovering the water, on which there immediately came, from different parts, two fleets of little gilded vessels, that gave the representation of a naval fight. It is not easy to imagine the beauty of this scene, which I took particular notice of. But all the rest were perfectly fine in their kind. The story of the opera is the enchantment of Alcina, which gives opportunities for great variety of machines and changes of the scenes, which are performed with a surprising swiftness. The theatre is so large that it is hard to carry the eye to the end of it, and the

habits in the utmost magnificence, to the number of one hundred and eight. No house could hold such large decorations ; but the ladies all sitting in the open air, exposes them to great inconveniencies : there is but one canopy for the imperial family ; and the first night it was represented, a shower of rain happening, the opera was broke off, and the company crouded away in such confusion, that I was almost squeezed to death.—But if their operas are thus delightful, their comedies are, in as high a degree, ridiculous. They have but one play-house, where I had the curiosity to go to a German comedy, and was very glad it happened to be the story of *Amphitriton*. As that subject has been already handled by a Latin, French, and English poet, I was curious to see what an Austrian author would make of it. I understand enough of that language to comprehend the greatest part of it ; and beside, I took with me a lady that had the goodness to explain to me every word. The way is to take a box, which holds four, for yourself and company. The fixed price is a gold ducat. I thought the house very low and dark ; but I confess, the comedy admirably recompensed that defect. I never laughed so much in my life. It begun with Jupiter's falling in love out of a peep-hole in the clouds, and ended with the birth of *Hercules*. But what was most pleasant was the use Jupiter made of his metamorphosis ; for you no sooner saw him under the figure of *Amphitriton*, but instead of flying to *Alcmena*, with the raptures Mr. Dryden puts into his mouth, he sends for *Amphitriton's* taylor, and cheats him of a laced coat, and his banker of a bag of money, a Jew of a diamond ring, and bespeaks a great supper in his name ; and the greatest part of the comedy turns upon poor *Amphitriton's* being tormented by these people for their debts. Mercury uses *Sofia* in the same manner. But I could not easily pardon the liberty the poet has taken of larding his play with, not only indecent expressions,

pressions, but such gross words, as I do not think our mob would suffer from a mountebank. Beside, the two Sofia's very fairly let down their breeches in the direct view of the boxes, which were full of people of the first rank that seemed very well pleased with their entertainment, and assured me this was a celebrated piece. I shall conclude my letter with this remarkable relation, very well worthy the serious consideration of Mr. Collier.

In order to go to court, continues lady Montagu, I was squeezed up in a gown, and adorned with a gorget, and the other implements thereunto belonging, a dress very inconvenient, but which certainly shews the neck and shape to great advantage. I cannot forbear giving you some description of the fashions here, which are more monstrous, and contrary to all common sense and reason, than it is possible for you to imagine. They build certain fabrics of gauze on their heads, about a yard high, consisting of three or four stories, fortified with numberless yards of heavy ribbon. The foundation of this structure is a thing they call a *bourlé*, which is exactly of the same shape and kind, but about four times as big as those rolls our prudent milk-maids make use of to fix their pails upon. This machine they cover with their own hair, which they mix with a great deal of false, it being a particular beauty to have their heads too large to go into a moderate tub. Their hair is prodigiously powdered to conceal the mixture, and set out with three or four rows of bodikins (wonderfully large) that stick out two or three inches from their hair, made of diamonds, pearls, red, green and yellow stones; that it certainly requires as much art and experience to carry the load upright, as to dance upon May-day with the garland. Their whalebone petticoats outdo ours by several yards circumference, and cover some acres of ground. You may easily suppose how this extraordinary dress sets off and improves the natural ugliness, with which God Almighty

Almighty has been pleased to endow them, generally speaking. Even the lovely empress herself is obliged to comply, in some degree, with these absurd fashions, which they would not quit for all the world. I had a private audience (according to ceremony) of half an hour, and then all the other ladies were permitted to come and make their court.—When the ladies were come in, she sat down to *quinze*. I could not play at a game I had never seen before, and she ordered me a seat at her right-hand, and had the goodness to talk to me very much, with that grace so natural to her. I expected every moment, when the men were to come in to pay their court; but this drawing-room is very different from that of England; no man enters it but the grand master, who comes in to advertise the empress of the approach of the emperor. His imperial majesty did me the honour of speaking to me in a very obliging manner; but he never speaks to any of the other ladies, and the whole passes with a gravity and air of ceremony that has something very formal in it.—I had an audience next day of the empress-mother, a princess of great virtue and goodness, but who piques herself too much on a violent devotion. She is perpetually performing extraordinary acts of penance, without having ever done any thing to deserve them. She suffers her maids of honour to go in colours; but she herself never quits her mourning; and sure nothing can be more dismal than the mourning here, even for a brother. There is not the least bit of linen to be seen; all black crape instead of it. The neck, ears, and side of the face are covered with a plaited piece of the same stuff, and the face that peeps out in the midst of it, looks as if it were pallid. The widows wear, over and above, a crape forehead-cloth; and in this solemn weed, go to all the public places of diversion without scruple.—

Her majesty further remarks, that “the two sects that divide our whole nation of petticoats, are utterly
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unknown in this place. Here are neither coquettes nor prudes. No woman dares appear coquette enough to encourage two lovers at a time. And I have not seen any such prudes, as to pretend fidelity to their husbands, who are certainly the best natured set of people in the world; and look upon their wives' gallants as favourably, as men do upon their deputies, that take the troublesome part of their business off their hands. They have not however the less to do on that account; for they are generally deputies in another place themselves; in one word, it is the established custom for every lady to have two husbands, one that bears the name, and another that performs the duties. And the engagements are so well known, that it would be a downright affront, and publicly resented, if you invited a woman of quality to dinner, without, at the same time, inviting her two attendants of lover and husband, between whom she sits in state with great gravity. The sub-marriages generally last twenty years together, and the lady often commands the poor lover's estate, even to the utter ruin of his family. These connexions, indeed, are as seldom begun by any real passion, as other matches; for a man makes but an ill figure that is not in some commerce of this nature, and a woman looks out for a lover as soon as she is married, as part of her equipage, without which she could not be genteel: and the first article of the treaty is establishing the pension, which remains to the lady, in case the gallant should prove inconstant. This chargeable point of honour, I look upon as the real foundation of so many wonderful instances of constancy. I really know several women of the first quality, whose pensions are as well known as their annual rents, and yet no body esteems them the less; on the contrary, their discretion would be called in question if they should be suspected to be mistresses for nothing. A great part of their emulation consists in trying who shall
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get most; and having no intrigue at all is so far a disgrace, that I will assure you, a lady who is very much my friend here, told me but yesterday, how much I was obliged to her for justifying my conduct in a conversation relating to me; where it was publicly asserted, that I could not possibly have common sense, since I had been in town above a fortnight, and had made no steps toward commencing an amour. My friend pleaded for me that my stay was uncertain, and she believed that was the cause of my seeming stupidity, and this was all she could find to say in my justification. But one of the pleasantest adventures I ever met in my life, was last night, and it will give you a just idea, in what a delicate manner the belles passions are managed in this country. I was at the assembly of the countess of ———, and the young count of ——— leading me down stairs, asked me how long I was to stay at Vienna; I made answer that my stay depended on the emperor, and it was not in my power to determine it. Well, madam, said he, whether your time here is to be longer or shorter, I think you ought to pass it agreeably, and to that end you must engage in a little affair of the heart.— My heart, answered I gravely enough, does not engage very easily, and I have no design of parting with it. I see, madam, said he sighing, by the ill nature of that answer, I am not to hope for it, which is a great mortification to me that am charmed with you. But, however, I am still devoted to your service, and since I am not worthy of entertaining you myself, do me the honour of letting me know, whom you like best amongst us, and I will engage to manage the affair entirely to your satisfaction. You may judge in what manner I should have received this compliment in my own country; but I was well enough acquainted with the way of this, to know that he really intended me an obligation, and I thanked him with a very grave curtesy, for his zeal to serve me, and only assured him I had no occasion to make use of it.—

It is not from Austria that one can write with vivacity, and I am already infected with the phlegm of the country. Even their amours and their quarrels are carried on with a surprising temper, and they are never lively, but upon points of ceremony. There, I own, they shew all their passions; and it is not long since two coaches meeting in a narrow street at night, the ladies in them not being able to adjust the ceremonial of which should go back, sat there with equal gallantry till two in the morning: they were both so fully determined to die upon the spot rather than yield, in a point of that importance, that the street would never have been cleared till their deaths, if the emperor had not sent his guards to part them; and even then they refused to stir, till the expedient could be found out, of taking them both out in chairs, exactly in the same moment. After the ladies were agreed, it was with some difficulty that the pass was decided between the two coachmen, no less tenacious of their rank than the ladies. This passion is so omnipotent in the breasts of the women, that even their husbands never die, but they are ready to break their hearts, because that fatal hour puts an end to their rank, no widows having any place at Vienna. The men are not much less touched with this point of honour, and they do not only scorn to marry, but even to make love to any woman of a family not as illustrious as their own; and the pedigree is much more considered by them, than either the complexion or features of their mistresses. Happy are the shes that can number amongst their ancestors, counts of the empire; they have neither occasion for beauty, money, nor good conduct to get them husbands. It is true, as to money, it is seldom any advantage to the man they marry; the laws of Austria confine the woman's portion to two thousand florins, (about two hundred pounds English) and whatever they have beside, remains in their own possession and disposal.

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Thus here are many ladies much richer than their husbands, who are however obliged to allow them pin-money agreeable to their quality; and I attribute to this considerable branch of prerogative, the liberty that they take upon other occasions.

If I should undertake to tell you all the particulars in which the manners here differ from ours, I must write a whole quire of the dullest stuff that ever was read, or printed without being read. Their dress agrees with the French or English in no one article, but wearing petticoats. They have many fashions peculiar to themselves; they think it indecent for a widow ever to wear green or rose colour, but all the other gayest colours at her own discretion. The assemblies here are the only regular diversion, the operas being always at court, and commonly on some particular occasions. Whenever they have a mind to display the magnificence of their apartments, or oblige a friend by complimenting them on the day of their saint, they declare, that on such a day the assembly shall be at their house in honour of the feast of the count or countess—such a one. These days are called days of Gala, and all the friends or relations of the lady, whose saint it is, are obliged to appear in their best cloaths and all their jewels. The mistress of the house takes no particular notice of any body, nor returns any body's visit; and whoever pleases, may go, without the formality of being pre-
tented. The company are entertained with ice in several forms, winter and summer; afterward they divide into several parties of ombre, piquett, or conversation, all games of hazard being forbid.

I saw the other day the Gala for count Altheim, the emperor's favourite; and never in my life saw so many fine cloaths ill fancied. They embroider the richest gold stuffs, and provided they can make their cloaths expensive enough, that is all the taste they shew in them. On other days the general dress is a scarf, and what you please under it.

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but now I am speaking of Vienna, I am sure you
 next I should say something of the convents; they
 of all sorts and sizes, but I am best pleased with
 that of St. Lawrence, where the ease and neatness
 they seem to live with, appears to me much more edi-
 cating than those stricter orders, where perpetual pen-
 itence and nastinesses must breed discontent and
 discontentedness. The nuns are all of quality. I think
 there are to the number of fifty. They have each
 of them, a little cell perfectly clean, the walls of
 which are covered with pictures, more or less fine, ac-
 cording to their quality. A long white stone gallery
 is by all of them, furnished with the pictures of
 exemplary sisters; the chapel is extremely neat and
 nicely adorned. But I could not forbear laughing at
 it shewing me a wooden head of our Saviour, which
 they assured me, spoke, during the siege of Vienna;
 and as a proof of it, bid me remark his mouth, which
 had been open ever since.

Nothing can be more becoming than the dress of
 these nuns. It is a white robe, the sleeves of which
 are turned up with fine white callico, and their head-
 dresses the same, excepting a small veil of black crape
 that falls behind. They have a lower sort of serving
 maids, that wait on them as their chamber-maids.
 They receive all visits of women, and play at ombre
 in their chambers with permission of their abbesses,
 which is very easy to be obtained. The grate is not
 of the most rigid; it is not very hard to put a
 hand through; and I do not doubt but a man, a little
 more slender than ordinary, might squeeze in his
 whole person. The young count of Salamis came
 to the grate, while I was there, and the abbess gave
 him her hand to kiss. But I was surprized to find
 her, the only beautiful young woman I have seen at
 Vienna, and not only beautiful but genteel, witty and
 agreeable, of a great family, and who had been the
 admiration of the town. I could not forbear shewing
 my surprize at seeing a nun like her. She made a

thousand obliging compliments, and desired me to come often. It will be an infinite pleasure to me, said she, sighing, but I avoid, with the greatest care, seeing any of my former acquaintance, and whenever they come to our convent, I lock myself in my cell. I observed tears come into her eyes, which touched me extremely, and I began to talk to her in that strain of tender pity she inspired me with; but she would not own to me, that she is not perfectly happy. I have since endeavoured to learn the real cause of her retirement, without being able to get any other account, but that every body was surpris'd at it, and nobody guessed the reason. I have been several times to see her; but it gives me too much melancholy to see so agreeable a young creature buried alive. I am not surpris'd that nuns have so often inspired violent passions; the pity one naturally feels for them, when they seem worthy of another destiny, making an easy way for yet more tender sentiments. I never in my life had so little charity for the Roman catholic religion, as since I see the misery it occasions; so many poor unhappy women! and then the gross superstition of the common people, who are some or other of them, day and night, offering bits of candle to the wooden figures, that are set up almost in every street. The processions I see very often are a pageantry, as offensive and apparently contradictory to common sense, as the pagods of China. God knows whether it be the womanly spirit of contradiction that works in me, but there never, before, was such zeal against popery in the heart of, &c.]

The country about Vienna produces good pasture; and they begin to purchase cows from Switzerland, to stock some noblemen's estates in these parts. The hill, called Callenberg, affords a very beautiful prospect of the city of Vienna, and the places in its neighbourhood.

Baden, situated near Vienna, is as much frequented for its warm baths as for assemblies, and other diversions.

ms. Both sexes bathe here without distinction, in the same bath, and at the same time. The bathing benches are made to cover the whole body: the women have their heads elegantly dressed, and leads are fastened to the bottom of their petticoats to keep them down. The baths are chiefly recommended to patients in rheumatic pains, or lameness; pains in the joints, or other arthritic disorders; barren women resort hither and find relief.

Baden is three miles from Vienna. Before the cathedral is a fine monument dedicated to the holy trinity. Those kind of pillars are very ornamental in a city, and though seldom seen in other Roman Catholic countries, are frequently found in the Austrian territories.

The imperial court generally resides in summer at the Favorita, in the suburbs of Wieden. This is indeed a more commodious palace than the imperial residence, the residence of the court during winter: but neither the building nor gardens are of a magnificence suitable to so great a prince. In hot and dry weather, the dust raised by the horses and carriages, between Vienna and the Favorita, would be scarcely supportable, were it not that a cart laden with water, by continually passing and re-passing, lays the dust, by means of a leather pipe, so contrived as to sprinkle the whole road with a gentle shower.

The fine weather and delightful season induced me to make an excursion into the neighbouring parts of Hungary, and shall communicate the following short account of my journey. The distance from Vienna to Presburg, is reckoned ten German miles, and in a post chaise is performed in seven or eight hours.

[Hungary, the antient Pannonia, received its present name from the Hungarians, a race of the Huns, Scythian or Tartar nation, who in the ninth century took possession of the country; but the Hungarians themselves call it Magyar Ország: the Slavonians
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give it the name of Wergierfka ; by the Germans it is called Ungern, and Hungerland ; and by the Italians Ungharia.

The name of Hungary is used both in a limited and extensive sense. In the former, this country is bounded on the south by Servia and the river Drave, which separates it from Slavonia ; on the east by Walachia and Transylvania ; on the north by the Carpathian mountains, which separate it from Poland ; and on the west by Moravia, Austria, and Stiria. But in its more extensive sense it comprehends Slavonia, Dalmatia, Bosnia, Servia, and Transylvania, lying between the forty-fourth degree forty minutes, and the forty-ninth degree north latitude, and between the sixteenth and twenty-fifth degree, fifty minutes east longitude from London.]

The city of Presburg lies on a plain. Its buildings are very mean, and its fortifications consist only of a walk and ditch. The suburbs are chiefly on an eminence, and the castle on a hill ; it is square, and adorned with four towers. In the lower suburbs is a hill, famous on account of its being the place where the king of Hungary goes on horseback, and brandishes his sword toward the four cardinal points, to signify, that he is determined to protect his country against his enemies on every side.

The exchequer of Hungary is kept at Presburg, but is under a kind of subordination to that of Vienna.

The seven royal free mine towns are Cremnitz, Konigsberg, Schemnitz, Neusohl, Buggantz, Dullen and Libeton. These mines are the support of several thousands, and the expence of working all of them amounts yearly to above a million of guilders.

Tokay is situated about thirty Hungarian, or sixty German miles from Schemnitz, and is well known through all Europe for the excellency of its wine ; but those are mistaken who affirm that the tract of land on which this wine grows is very small, and produces yearly scarce a thousand hogheads ; for all acquainted with
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with the country must know, that the spot of land which yields this generous liquor, is called in the Hungarian dialect, *befy allya*, "the country under the hills;" it contains above seven miles in circumference, and is interspersed with several towns of equal or better situation than Tokay itself. If all the waste ground in this tract of land was cultivated, no part of Europe would be without Tokay wine, as it is not a proper liquor for common drinking. If a person purchases a large quantity of Tokay wine, it is proper to carry it away in carriages drawn by Hungarian oxen, which will turn to very good account. The chief place for intelligence in these affairs is Caschau. Tokay lies in a fine country, and is pleasantly situated; the mountains here not being so steep and craggy as about Crenitz and Schemnitz. That the air of a country abounding with hills and valleys is more salutary to the human body than that of a level country, is very evident, both from observation and history.

The dress of the women in the mine towns is not disagreeable; their shifts are trimmed with ribbons, while others hang from their head-dress down their backs; but the peasants and clowns are but meanly clothed. The men are particularly fond of a furred cloak; and the women generally wear boots, and some a long furred garment. Their shifts are coarse, and fastened round their waists with a girdle. Their head-dress is of linen, with two lappets hanging down behind. Blue is the most usual colour worn here by both sexes. There is something very manly in their dress; and it must be allowed that the cloaths of the Hungarian gentry are very becoming. The common people in Upper Hungary, speak very little of the true Hungarian language, but polite persons in large towns speak Latin, German, or Sclavonian. The Latin spoke by the vulgar is very indifferent, of which the hussars afford a sufficient specimen.

Six or seven thousand of the inhabitants of Schemnitz, which constitute two thirds of the city, are Lutherans; but the magistrates are always Roman Catholics. At Cremnitz, the magistracy is shared between the two religions, but no protestant is capable of any office in the imperial mines.

In Upper Hungary the protestants are very numerous, especially in the country; but in some places they are forcibly driven to the Romish churches like sheep.

Buda lies about twelve Hungarian miles from Schemnitz; and on the left hand of this road, is the town of Carpen, together with the mountain of the same name, so famous for being the supposed rendezvous of witches.

They divide the distance between Vienna and Prague, into twenty-one stages and a half, but there is beside the post road another, leading through Snina, Iglaw, and Dzaslau, which is four miles shorter.

Bohemia is well peopled, and abounds in towns and villages. The state of Bohemia have been at the expence of above twenty-four thousand guilders for a correct map of that kingdom, which was at last executed by that famous engineer, John Christopher Muller.

Prague has broader streets but fewer stately palaces than Vienna. The bridge over the Molda, exceeds in length those of Ratisbon and Dresden; being seven hundred and forty-two paces long; and the breadth of it fourteen common paces: so that there is room for three carriages to pass a-breast. It is supported by sixteen pillars, and the sides are adorned with twenty-eight statues of saints. The crucifix, and the statue of St. Nepomuc are of brass; but the rest are all of stone. St. Nepomuc, who was thrown over this bridge by order of king Wenceslaus, for refusing to reveal what the queen had divulged to him at confession, is now become the patron of bridges, and by his superior

superior merit, greatly lessened the interest of all the other saints among the Bohemians.

In old Prague the jesuits have one of the largest colleges belonging to their order, except those of Lisbon and Goa. Two hundred and ten fathers of that order commonly reside here. It is called Collegium Clementinum, from the church of St. Clement adjoining to it. In the tower of the Clementine college is an observatory, from which there is an elegant prospect over the city. On the top of it is Atlas holding a large and curiously contrived armillary sphere. In the church near the Trinhofe is the monument of Tycho Brahe, who has rendered his name immortal by his chemical processes, and astronomical observations.

They shew here the apartment in the office belonging to the Bohemian secretary of state, from which, in the year 1618, baron Slavata, great chancellor of the kingdom of Bohemia, baron Martinitz, grand marshal, together with M. Platter, secretary of state, were thrown headlong from a window, for warmly espousing the interest of the house of Austria, contrary to the sentiments of the majority. This apartment serves at present for the assembly of the states. These three noblemen had the good fortune of being received by a dunghill at the foot of the wall, and what is really surprising, they did not receive the least hurt, notwithstanding the window out of which they were thrown was twenty-eight ells or six stories from the ground; and secretary Platter is said on this occasion to have made a needless apology to the other two for his rudeness in falling upon them. I went down into the castle Moat to take a view of the place where they fell, and under a window which looks toward the city, I found in the bottom of the ditch overgrown with bushes, a pedestal on which stands a quadrangular pyramid, terminating in a globe, and on that a crucifix. It was erected in memory of the escape of William Slavata, baron of Culm and Koschemberg,

who was thrown from the above window on the 23d of May 1618.

About four and twenty feet from this spot, under a window on the other side of the apartment near a common sewer, in a filthy situation, stands a triangular pyramid, inscribed on two of its sides with the words Jesus and Maria; and on the third an inscription to perpetuate the same accident.

In the treasury at Loretto is shewn a golden triangle set with a variety of rubies, on which is enameled the image of the virgin Mary; as crowned by the holy Trinity. This was the joint offering of Slavata, Martinitz and Platter, as a memorial of their wonderful preservation which they chiefly attributed to the virgin Mary.

The white tower is a state prison for persons of rank in Bohemia. Formerly in one of the rooms was a sort of iron machine in the shape of a woman, which when any delinquent was brought near it, would embrace him with its arms, and squeeze him to death; some are of opinion, this machine has been removed to St. Peter's church, where the upper consistory is held, and particularly used for the execution of ecclesiastical criminals.

On the ratschin or castle-hill is the palace belonging to count Czernini, which in magnitude is indeed inferior to Wallenstein house on the lower side of the hill; but, with regard to the magnificence of the structure, and richness of the furniture, has few equals in the world. It has been almost a hundred years in building, and the grand hall is not yet finished. In a church opposite to this palace the Capuchins have erected a *casa santa* exactly resembling that at Loretto; the walls within like those of the original, are black and smoaky; but in some of the bas-reliefs on the outside a very great difference is perceived, those of the Capuchin Casa Santa being only of Stucco, and those of Loretto of marble. The former are also greatly inferior to the latter in the beauty and delicacy of the work-

workmanship. The treasure amassed in this chapel is prodigious, amounting to several tons of gold.

In Prague are a hundred churches, and almost as many convents. The city is not very populous, in proportion to its extent; for the whole number of its inhabitants does not exceed one hundred and twenty thousand; fifty thousand of which are Jews, and seventy thousand Christians. The trade of this city is inconsiderable, the Moldaw not being navigable.

[Lady Montague writes thus from Prague.—“ The kingdom of Bohemia is the most desert of any I have seen in Germany. The villages are so poor, and the post-houses so miserable, that clean straw and fair water are blessings not always to be met with, and better accommodation not to be hoped for. Though I carried my own bed with me, I could not sometimes find a place to set it up in; and I rather chose to travel all night, as cold as it is, wrapped up in my furs, than go into the common stoves, which are filled with a mixture of all sorts of ill scents.

This town was once the royal seat of the Bohemian king, and is still the capital of the kingdom. There are yet some remains of its former splendour, being one of the largest towns in Germany, but, for the most part, old built and thinly inhabited, which makes the houses very cheap. Those people of quality who cannot easily bear the expence of Vienna, chuse to reside here, where they have assemblies, music, and all other diversions, (those of a court excepted) at very moderate rates; all things being here in great abundance, especially the best wild fowl I ever tasted. I have already been visited by some of the most considerable ladies, whose relations I know at Vienna. They are dressed after the fashions there, in the manner that the people at Exeter imitate those of London; that is, their imitation is more excessive than the original. It is not easy to describe what extraordinary figures they make. The person

is so much lost between head-dress and petticoat, that they have as much occasion to write upon their backs, "This is a woman," for the information of travellers, as ever sign-post painter had to write, "This is a bear."}]

The distance between Prague and Dresden is fifteen German Miles.

Dresden has been long famous for its royal palace, straight and uniform streets, beautiful situation, and splendid court; but with regard to the number of houses and inhabitants, is inferior to several cities in Germany. The houses in the suburbs and city are computed at about two thousand five hundred, and the inhabitants of Old and New Dresden are said not to exceed forty thousand, above five thousand of which at present are papists. But in this computation the garrison is not included.

The place which affords the greatest entertainment to a curious stranger, is the Green-Room, or Museum. This collection was begun by the elector, and placed in a green room, which name it still retains. Several apartments are, indeed, at present, green; but the disposition is now greatly altered, and the number of curiosities so far increased, that the Museum consists of seven rooms and a cabinet. The fee for seeing this Museum is generally discharged with four or five guilders, given to the attendant who opens the doors.

The palace is magnificently furnished, and the drawing-rooms particularly are worth seeing.

In the year 1711, a beautiful edifice, designed for a green-house, was begun in the Zwinger garden; but as another place appeared more convenient for that purpose, it was converted into an inestimable repository of medals, natural curiosities, antiquities, minerals, petrifications, rare animals, insects, shells, amber of various kinds. In this structure is also a library, together with an anatomy room, in which are a col-

a collection of all instruments relating to surgery, chemistry, metallurgy, geometry, astronomy, mathematics, mechanics, and botany.

The royal Gardens are adorned with above fifteen hundred statues; the modern pieces, which are of white marble, are disposed in various parts; but the antiques deposited in a palace erected in the center of the garden.

The arsenal is said to contain arms for a hundred thousand men, together with fifteen hundred brass cannon; among which the field-pieces are the smallest. Here are two large mortars, called Romulus and Remus, sent hither as a present from the elector of Brandenburg, which throw bombs of five hundred pounds.

The Japanese palace, near the white gate in old Dresden, was formerly a seat of count Fleming's; but purchased by his majesty for a hundred thousand dollars, by which the count got twenty thousand dollars. The quantity of porcelain, both foreign and made here, is immense. The vessels for culinary uses only are valued at a million of dollars. In one of the upper stories are forty-eight vases of blue and white China, which the king of Poland purchased of the king of Prussia for a whole regiment of dragoons. One room is full of porcelain, said to be painted by Raphael. The red porcelain made here, that strikes fires, is now ordered to be antiquated, in order to enhance its value. But the whole process of making it is described in writing, and deposited in some secret place. The manufactory of common porcelain is carried on near Dresden; but the most valuable species is made at the castle of Meissen. Botticher, the first inventor of the porcelain, died in the year 1719. A state-bed, together with some chairs formed out of beautiful feathers of different colours, and which cost thirty thousand dollars, are to be seen in the Japanese palace.

The Turkish garden and palace are in Plau-street. The first floor of this palace is decorated with great variety of pieces of painting, representing the ceremonies

monies in the Turkish Seraglio, together with the baths and audience-room; a prospect of St. Sophia's church, and several habits worn by the Turks in general, especially those worn by the great officers of state.

At the king's country seat, at Neustadt-Ostra, are fourteen tame stags, which draw a carriage, and one is broke for the saddle. They set out briskly, but are apt to flag very soon. There is also a white stag, and one with two brandished horns growing on the high side of his head, together with some Indian stags.

[Lady Montague describes the city of Dresden as "the neatest I have seen in Germany; most of the houses are new built; the elector's palace is very handsome, and his repository full of curiosities of different kinds, with a collection of medals very much esteemed.—The Saxon ladies resemble the Austrians, no more than the Chinese do those of London; they are very genteelly dressed after the English and French modes; and have, generally, pretty faces, but they are the most determined *minaudieres* in the whole world. They would think it a mortal sin against good breeding, if they either spoke or moved in a natural manner. They all affect a little soft lisp, and a pretty *pitty pat* step; which female frailties ought, however, to be forgiven them in favour of their civility and good nature to strangers, which I have a great deal of reason to praise."]

Not far from Dresden, in the road to Plauen, is a mill for cutting and polishing jasper. Near this mill some cart-loads of Saxon jasper are still to be seen; but the work is now discontinued, and the mill used in ~~making~~ looking-glasses. In the first story they are ~~made~~, and in the second polished. The water is thirty-eight of these machines in motion, and ~~of~~ of three of the smaller glasses are placed under several of them. The whole management requires but a few hands, and is far better contrived than the looking-glass manufacture at Paris. John Mechior Dillinger,

Dillinger, who, by several works in the royal Museum, has rendered his name immortal, is one of the most ingenious artists of this city. He had twenty-six children by five wives. When the Czar, Peter the Great, was at Dresden, in the year 1712, he chose to lodge at Dillinger's house, with whose contrivances he was so delighted, that he ordered a model of his house to be made in wood, and sent into Russia, as a perfect specimen of a commodious dwelling.

The Dresden, or rather Meissen porcelain, is famous all over Europe; and produces a very advantageous trade. Wood and timber is another considerable article carried on at Grimma. A great quantity of paper is also made in Saxony, particularly at Dresden, Zwickam, Pforta, Freyberg, Kirchberg, Tannenberg, and Luntzenau; and exported by means of the Elbe. Liebenwirda, Dippoldiswolda, Waldenburg, and Wurtzen, carry on a considerable trade in earthen ware; but this, as well as other branches, might be improved, were not all the vessels on the Elbe obliged to pay toll at two and thirty places between Perna and Hamburg. Musca, Torgaw, Wurtzen, Eulinburg, and Merseburg, are remarkable for excellent beer.

They have several linen manufactures in many towns of Saxony; and an advantageous trade is carried on with Hamburg in canvas and sail-cloth, and the returns from thence are drugs, wine, butter, herrings, and dried fish.

Fort Konigstein is so remarkable for its uncommon situation, that I could not deny myself the pleasure of visiting it. Pirna lies about a German mile from Pillnitz, and in it is the castle of Sonnenstein, used as a prison for persons of distinction, but neither remarkable for architecture or fortifications.

The distance from Pirna to Konigstein is a long German mile, and without a written order from the governor at Dresden no person is admitted into this castle. It is situated on a rock, cut so steep that it
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appears quite perpendicular; and the fort in many places has projections, or bastions, which command the side of the rock. The ascent toward Dresden is the least difficult; but well fortified and defended with three batteries of cannon. Wood and other luggage are drawn up to the fort by the help of cranes. The garrison consists of a hundred and fifty men only; but, on the first alarm from the governor, the villages are obliged to furnish some hundreds more. Konigstein is always furnished with provisions for twenty-six years; and on the top is a fine meadow, a wood, and several gardens, in which are thirty-eight different kinds of fruit and forest trees. It requires half an hour to walk round the ramparts, and travellers are always shewn the place from whence a shoemaker of Dresden, when a child, fell down the rock, without receiving any hurt. The fortress is furnished with five cisterns, or small reservoirs for preserving rain or snow water, and in them several kinds of fish, for the governor's use. The water used by the garrison is drawn up by a wheel from a well, whose depth is nine hundred Dresden ells. Forty years were spent in sinking this well before a sufficient quantity of water could be obtained. I observed, that when a pitcher of water was poured down the well, it was exactly five and forty seconds before it reached the surface of the water. It is always kept clean and in good repair, for which purpose general Kyaw, though no water drinker, contrived a machine for letting workmen down to the bottom of the well. But this is not the only monument he has left behind him; a large cask was finished at Konigstein, in the year 1725, by his direction, sixteen ells in length, and its diameter at the bung twelve, and at the ends eleven ells. It consists of a hundred and fifty-seven staves, eight inches thick, and the two heads of fifty-four pieces. Each head weighs seventy-seven hundred and seventy pounds. The cask is at present filled with good Meissen wine, amounting to upward of six thousand quintals,

quintals, which cost above forty thousand dollars (or 6000 l. sterl.) reckoning the quart of wine only at four Groschen, or 3d. $\frac{1}{4}$ d English money. Before this cask was constructed, the Heidelberg tun was reckoned the largest in the world; but according to the common computation, this of Konigstein contains six hundred and forty-nine hogshheads more than that of Heidelberg.

The top of the cask is railed round, and affords a room for fifteen or twenty persons. Here also is a variety of welcome-cups; which are offered to those who are fond of such honours. The vault where the Konigstein cask is deposited, as in a temple of Bacchus, is contiguous to the church.

Leipsick, is famous both on account of its trade, and noble university. The civility of the inhabitants, the splendor of its buildings, and the charming gardens with which it is surrounded, render it far superior to many capital places.

In the university library are a great number of Greek and Russian books; and more manuscripts of Malabar, written on the leaves of palm trees, than in any library in Europe. In a particular apartment is a representation of the two solar systems of Tycho and Copernicus, with all the visible stars. Each of these armillary spheres are ten feet in diameter. The maker of them was Mr. Semler, minister of St. Ulrich's in this city.

The exchange is a beautiful structure, and the cieling of the great hall elegantly painted. The Appel gardens are planted with a variety of yew trees, and ornamented with statues, water-works and canals, and in one of the latter a Bucentaurus. In a structure near these gardens is a manufacture of velvet, and of gold and silver tissue.

The distance between Leipsick and Halle is five German miles. It was originally only a village, called Dobresol, or as the peasants still pronounce it Dicbresala,

breſels, which ſignifies good ſalt, that being ſalt ſprings at Halle.

Being deſirous of acquiring ſome further knowledge in metals, I determined to go from Halle to Eiſleben, where, before the war, the copper works were in ſuch condition, that above thirty ſmelting houſes were erected in the country between Mansfeld and Eiſleben. Theſe generally produced above a thouſand tons of copper in a year; and every hundred weight of copper contained ten or twelve ounces of ſilver.

Eiſleben is the native place of Luther; and among other reliques of that famous reformer, his wooden bedſtead is ſhewn here. In the conſistorial chamber at Eiſleben, is a print of Luther, ſaid to have been wonderfully preſerved in a fire, that happened at Erfurt; but if the fire at that place ſpared Luther's picture, it ſhewed no reſpect to the houſe at Eiſleben, where he was born, which was totally conſumed. However, that the memory of it might not be buried in obſcure, a ſchool has been built on the ſpot, and over the door is placed a buſt of Luther. Above the chamber door ſtands a ſtatue of him, holding a crucifix in his hand.

Weimer is diſtant from Iena about two German miles, ſituated in a pleaſant country, and in a valley near the Ilme. With regard to the palace of Wilhelmsburg, only the Corps de Logis, and one of the wings are finiſhed; but when compleated will make a noble appearance. The old caſtle near it, before which is a wooden bridge, is called the Red Palace. The duke's library has been much augmented with the choiceſt books that could be procured. The cabinet of medals, among which is the moſt valuable collection of Saxon coins, was purchaſed of count Haugwitz, grand marſhal to the elector of Saxony.

The diſtance between Weimer and Erfurt is three German miles. The whole piece of land between Iena and Gotha is ſo pleaſant, and ſo finely cultivated,

that if all Thuringen was equal to this part, it might justly be reckoned among the finest provinces in Germany. A more delightful and convenient situation can hardly be found in the empire, than that of Erfurt, and the great number of steeples in that city give it a grand appearance. The river Gora flows in rivulets through most of its streets. The number of houses do not exceed twelve thousand.

A thousand men are in the garrison of Erfurt, consisting of five hundred of the troops of the elector of Mentz, and a battalion of Imperialists. In the road to Gotha is a fort called Cyriacsburg. The citadel of Erfurt or Petersberg is fortified in the modern manner.

On a bridge over the Gera is a stone, marked with a wheel, said to be the center of the city, near which is shewn the house of the famous Dr. Faustus. Gotha is three German miles from Erfurt; the city lies in a valley, but the duke's palace stands on an eminence. It was anciently called Grimmerstein, which name, after the troublesome times, under duke John Frederick, was changed to Friedenstein.

The museum at Gotha contains several remarkable curiosities; particularly several onyxes of divers kinds, wrought into various figures, and set in several pieces of work, to the value of sixty thousand dollars.

Beside the ducal palace, Fredericksthal for entertainments and assemblies is worth seeing.

The distance between Gotha and Garnstadt is three German miles. The latter is situated in a level and fruitful country. Near it the river Gera turns a mill or machine for grinding of corn; and is at present farmed for two thousand guilders a year.

The road from Ilmenaw to Schlusingen lies through part of the forest of Thuringen. No grain, except oats, grows here; but this is compensated by the great plenty of wood. Here are many iron works, and the vast quantities of wood prove of the utmost
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advantage in smelting the ore. Several sulphur mines are also found here; and in different parts glass-houses are erected. At Mannebach are slate quarries which prove of considerable advantage to the country. In the slates are often found impressions of fish and plants.

The distance between Coburg and Bamberg is six German miles; the road runs through a pleasant valley, watered by the Itch. It will be necessary first to make some observations on the margraviate of Bareith, before I proceed to describe the difficult road over the mountains.

The margraviate of Bareith particularly abounds with marble of various colours, beyond any other province of Germany. From Schwarzenbach in the forest, or near Presack, is dug a grey sort of marble, with yellow spots, which shine like metal. In the parts about Ilof in Voigtlande, they have a red, black; and grey sort: some pieces of the last are variegated with red spots like drops of blood. Green marble is dug at Naila, yellow at Sheitberg, and various kinds at Lichtenberg near Heerwagen, as also at Gold-Cronach.

In the city of Bareith there is nothing remarkable enough to attract a traveller's notice. The hermitage not far from hence, built by the late margrave, has beautiful grottos, and excellent marble sculptures.

The road from Bareith over Hollfeld to Bamberg is mountainous and stony, though not near so bad as that over Streitberg to Erlang. The lovers of petrefactions may, in all these parts, find a great variety of such curiosities.

The city of Bamberg, which was formerly called Babenberg or Pfaffenberg, lies in a delightful and fertile country. The clergy seem to have been good judges of the fruitful spots in a country; for we seldom meet with a religious foundation which is not possessed of some of the best land in the whole province where it stands. Bamberg abounds in all sorts of
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of garden vegetables, fruit, grain, and wine; but especially in liquorice, which is exported to most parts of Europe.

Under the jurisdiction of the republic of Nuremberg, beside the capital, are four other towns, namely, Altdorf, Hersbruck, Lauff, and Graffenberg in the upper palatinate, and also above five hundred villages. In the city of Nuremberg are a hundred and twenty eight capital streets, and four hundred smaller; and it is adorned with twelve large, and a hundred and thirty-three small fountains, beside a hundred and seventeen wells. This city also contains sixteen churches, and forty-four religious houses; twelve bridges, ten market places, three hundred and sixty-five towers on the city-walls, twenty-one thousand houses, and twenty-five thousand families. You cannot easily walk round it in less than three hours. I will not, however, pretend to assert that this computation is absolutely true, especially with regard to the number of villages, houses, and inhabitants. The Regnitz, which runs through this city, drives about a hundred and sixty mills in the territory of Nuremberg. It is the opinion of some that Nuremberg is the centre both of Germany and Europe.

Of what importance the trade carried on by the Nurembergers in former times was to Italy, appears both from the privileges the German house still enjoys, and the respectful letter sent by the doge and senate of Venice to Nuremberg, when the former was under very great difficulties in the year 1509. The trade indeed is at present greatly below its former flourishing condition, and continually decreasing from that carried on by three other towns; namely Erlang, Schwobach, and Furth; one third of the last belongs to the city of Nuremberg, another to the Margrave of Anspuck, and the other to the chapter of the cathedral of Bamberg. But notwithstanding all this, Nuremberg is still famous for its manufactures, which are exported to all parts of the known world: and

though the toys called Nuremberg ware seem of little importance, the annual profit arising from them amounts to a hundred thousand dollars : and in the year 1728, the Nuremberg company sold as many toys in Constantinople only, as came to more than seventeen thousand guilders.

The council of this city has always two presidents, who continue in their office four weeks only, when they are succeeded by four others. It consists of twenty-four burgomasters, eight elders, who, like the former, are of the Patrician order, and eight masters of companies; but the last are only summoned when any extraordinary deliberations are on the carpet.

Nuremberg has, for many centuries, had the honour of keeping the most valuable part of the imperial crown jewels, together with the reliques belonging to them. The jewels are deposited in a separate apartment, and the whole shewn only to princes and counts of ancient families.

Some time since, a society was formed at Nuremberg, under the name of the Pegnitz academy, with a view of improving and refining the German language and poetry. Their scheme was not the best concerted, so that at present, though the Pegnitz society still subsists, they have made so small a progress in the undertaking, that they seldom meet.

The best performers in vocal music generally hold their meetings on festivals, and perform even in private houses for a small fee. Music flourishes greatly in Nuremberg.

Conversation with the fair sex is under much greater restraint in Nuremberg, than in most other large cities; a stranger is hardly permitted to see them in their private assemblies; and even the natives of the place, unless particular friends, are not admitted.

It is now some years since a good porcelain manufactory has been established in this city.

Those who delight in mechanic arts and manufactures, may here abundantly gratify their curiosity. It is now some centuries since the Nurenberg artists have been classed among the best in Germany; and, indeed, to exhibit the merits of this city, in promoting and improving useful knowledge of all kinds, would afford matter for a large volume.

[From lady Montagu we derive the following remarks relating to this city.—“ I have, says she, already passed a large part of Germany, have seen all that is remarkable in Cologne, Frankfort, Wurtzburg, and this place. It is impossible not to observe the difference between the free towns, and those under the government of absolute princes, as all the little sovereigns of Germany are. In the first there appears an air of commerce and plenty. The streets are well built, and full of people, neatly and plainly dressed. The shops are loaded with merchandize, and the commonalty are clean and chearful. In the other you see a sort of shabby finery, a number of dirty people of quality tawdered out; narrow nasty streets out of repair, wretchedly thin of inhabitants, and above half of the common sort asking alms. I cannot help fancying one, under the figure of a mean Dutch citizen's wife, and the other like a poor wretched lady of pleasure, painted, and ribboned out her head-dress, with tarnished silver-laced shoes, ragged under-petticoat, a miserable mixture of vice and poverty.—They have sumptuary laws in this town, which distinguish their rank by their dress, prevent the excess which ruins so many other cities, and has a more agreeable effect to the eye of a stranger, than our fashions. I need not be ashamed to own, that I wish these laws were in force in other parts of the world. When one considers impartially, the merit of a rich suit of cloaths in most places, the respect and the smiles of favour it procures, not to speak of the envy and the sighs it occasions (which are very often the principal charm to the wearer) one

is forced to confess, that there is need of an uncommon understanding to resist the temptation of pleasing friends, and mortifying rivals; and that it is natural to young people to fall into a folly, which betrays them to that want of money, which is the source of a thousand basenesses. What numbers of men have begun the world with generous inclinations, that have afterward been the instruments of bringing misery on a whole people, being led by a vain expence into debts that they could clear no other way, but by the forfeiture of their honour, and which they never could have contracted, if the respect the multitude pays to habits, was fixed by law, only to a particular colour, or cut of plain cloth. These reflections draw after them others that are too melancholy. I will make haste to put them out of your head by the force of relics, with which I have been entertained in all Romish churches.

The Lutherans are not quite free from these follies. I have seen here, in the principal church, a large piece of the cross set in jewels, and the point of the spear, which, they told me very gravely, was the same that pierced the side of our Saviour. But I was particularly diverted in a little Roman Catholic church which is permitted here, where the professors of that religion are not very rich, and consequently cannot adorn their images in so rich a manner as their neighbours: for not to be quite destitute of all finery, they have dressed up an image of our Saviour over the altar, in a fair full-bottomed wig, very well powdered. I imagine I see your ladyship stare at this article, of which you very much doubt the veracity: but, upon my word, I have not yet made use of the privilege of a traveller.”}

The distance between Nurenberg, and Ratisbon is twelve German miles, the last eight miles of which is very craggy and uneven. A mile on this side of Ratisbon we crossed the Naab, and a little beyond it ascended a steep hill, from which we had a fine prospect

pect over the vast plain on which Ratisbon is situated. This free imperial city contains five different states within its circuit; viz. the cathedral of Ratisbon, the imperial abby of St. Emmeran, the lower minster, the upper minster, and the city itself. This see is immediately subject to the pope, without acknowledging any metropolitan. In the cathedral are buried several bishops of Ratisbon; and on the right-hand, in the cathedral, a wooden crucifix as big as life, the hair of which the credulous vulgar believe continues growing.

The city of Ratisbon has a good library belonging to it in the council-house, but contains more books in the civil than municipal law.

The bridge over the Danube was begun in 1135, and compleated in eleven years. It consists of free stone, resting on piles of oak, driven to a considerable depth in the bed of the river. The length of this bridge is four hundred and seventy common paces, or a thousand and ninety-one feet; and consists of fifteen arches. It is commonly said of the three principal bridges in Germany, that Dresden bridge is the finest, that of Prague the longest, and that of Ratisbon the strongest. The jurisdiction of the city of Ratisbon reaches no further than the end of the bridge; and the town of Amhoff, on the other side of the river, belongs to the elector of Bavaria.

The envoys at Ratisbon, as representatives of electors, have very lofty ideas of their office and dignity, and assume such state, that when the widow of duke Frederic Henry of Saxe-Weitz, a princess of the house of Holstein Wicksenburg, came to pay a visit to the cardinal of Saxe-Weitz her brother-in-law, her highness could but very seldom appear in public, because the ladies of the electoral envoys took the precedence of her. The electoral envoys were also for taking the right-hand of a Bavarian prince, and likewise of a prince of the house of Wittenberg. If sovereign princes of Germany attend at the diet themselves,

they sit in the college, above all the envoys of princes; but the envoys of Austria, Burgundy, and Saltzburg have, by prescription, exempted themselves from this rule, and always maintained the precedence, so that the Holstein envoys never assist at the college when a session is held.

The envoys indeed regulate their conduct by the instructions of their respective courts: however, cases may happen, in which favour may be shewn to a party, even contrary to such instructions; namely, when it is agreed with other envoys to acquiesce in the majority of voices, from which the envoys are not often willing to dissent. Several envoys from princes of the empire are directed to conform to the vote of the Austrian envoy.

From the great number of representatives, and their different talents, it is easy to imagine that a proper secrecy in the diet is not always observed. The secretaries are indeed neither admitted into the next rooms, nor at the conferences of the evangelic body; yet the transactions in both are soon known.

It is a question with some, whether the continual sitting of a diet be advantageous or not to the emperor and the empire: for my own part, I cannot see why it may not be answered in the affirmative. The emperor's minister is always maintaining, that the advantages are wholly on the side of the Germanic body, and that the charges of the diet to the house of Austria amount to upward of a hundred thousand dollars a year. But it is evident, that it is no less for the emperor's advantage, as otherwise he must, on every occasion, be obliged, at a very great expence, to send an envoy to every court, of whose assistance he may, on any emergency, stand in need: beside, it would be hardly possible for the small states of Germany to defend themselves against the great and potent houses. Perhaps one or two of the most powerful states might find their account in the dissolution of the diet, but the general good of the Germanic

manic body would inevitably suffer by it; and the consequence would be no other than absolute anarchy.

Foreigners can never be at a loss for amusements at Ratifbon, as they have free access to the canonesse's daily assemblies, and a great variety of entertainments. Those gentlemen, who are fond of gaming, will also meet with persons here ready to gratify their disposition; for it is not unknown how far an immoderate passion for this diversion has carried some Ratifbon ladies. As the states of the empire, who send envoys to the diet are very numerous, and as every court sends fresh instructions to its respective envoys when any new affair comes on the tapis, the envoys, amidst so many vacations or adjournments of the diet, cannot be said to have a very fatiguing employment.

[Lady Montagu's account of Ratifbon cannot but prove agreeable. She says that—"All the nobility of this place are envoys from different states. Here are a great number of them, and they might pass their time agreeably enough, if they were less delicate on the point of ceremony. But instead of joining in the design, of making the town as pleasant to one another as they can, and improving their little societies, they amuse themselves no other way, than with perpetual quarrels, which they take care to eternize, by leaving them to their successors: and an envoy to Ratifbon receives, regularly, half a dozen quarrels among the perquisites of his employment. You may be sure the ladies are not wanting, on their side, in cherishing and improving these important piques, which divide the town almost into as many parties as there are families. They chuse rather to suffer the mortification of sitting almost alone on their assembly nights, than to recede one jot from their pretensions. I have not been here above a week, and yet I have heard from almost every one of them, the whole history of their wrongs, and dreadful complaints of the injustice of their neighbours;

hours; in hopes to draw me to their party. But I think it very prudent to remain neuter, though if I was to stay amongst them, there would be no possibility of continuing so; their quarrels running so high, that they will not be civil to those that visit their adversaries. The foundation of these everlasting disputes, turns entirely upon rank, place, and the title of excellency, which they all pretend to, and what is very hard, will give it to no body. For my part, I could not forbear advising them (for the public good) to give the title of excellency to every body, which would include the receiving it from every body; but the very mention of such a dishonourable peace was received with indignation. And indeed I began to think myself ill-natured, to offer to take from them, in a town where there are so few diversions, so entertaining an amusement. I know that my peaceable disposition already gives me a very ill figure, and that it is publicly whispered as a piece of impertinent pride in me, that I have hitherto been saucily civil to every body, as if I thought no body good enough to quarrel with. I should be obliged to change my behaviour, if I did not intend to pursue my journey in a few days. I have been to see the churches here, and had the permission of touching the relics, which was never suffered in places where I was not known. I had, by this privilege, the opportunity of making an observation, which I doubt not might have been made in all the other churches, that the emeralds and rubies which they shew round their relics and images, are most of them false; though they tell you that many of the crosses and madonas, set round with these stones, have been the gifts of emperors and other great princes. I do not doubt indeed but they were at first jewels of value; but the good fathers have found it convenient to apply them to other uses, and the people are just as well satisfied with bits of glass amongst these relics. They shewed me a prodigious claw set in gold,
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which they called the claw of a griffin; and I could not forbear asking the reverend priest that shewed it, whether the griffin was a saint? The question almost put him beside his gravity; but he answered, they only kept it as a curiosity. I was very much scandalized at a large silver image of the Trinity, where the Father is represented under the figure of a decrepid old man, with a beard down to his knees, and triple crown on his head, holding in his arms the Son, fixed on the cross, and the Holy Ghost, in the shape of a dove, hovering over him.”]

There is an odd custom which prevails at the peasants weddings in the villages about Ratibon. When the bridesman, at the conclusion of the ceremony, attends the bridegroom from the altar to the pew, he pulls him by the hairs, and gives a box on the ear, to remind him of the exhortation of the priest, with regard to the duty he owes to his wife, and make him remember the marriage contract.

The distance between Ratibon and Ingolstadt is five post stages, and the road lies all the way through a fine plain. Ingolstadt is remarkable for the beauty of its buildings, its strait broad streets, and, among Roman Catholics, for the university founded there.

Neuburg, the capital of the dutchy of the same name, is a league and a half from Ingolstadt. It is a handsome town, pleasantly situated, and contains the ducal palace, particularly remarkable for a fine hall.

Two miles from Donawerth lie Hochstadt and Blenheim; places which will never be forgotten, on account of the victory obtained in 1704, by the confederates over the united armies of the French and Bavarians. But the field of battle is destitute of any monument whatever.

Several medals were struck on this occasion; but the noblest monument which ever any general could boast of, was erected at the public expence, to the duke of Marlborough; namely, Blenheim house, six

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English miles from Oxford ; which is said to have cost the English nation upward of a million sterling.

Kraillsheim is a Post town of Anspach, and remarkable on account of the dean's library. The country of Anspach is fertile, where, by erecting more manufactories, the Zaubel wool might be employed to very great advantage, being extremely fine and soft, and of it are made hats and stockings. This wool grows on a small sort of sheep, which are shorn twice a year, and also year every spring and autumn. They often bring two lambs at a time, but these are apt to degenerate. Their flesh is fatter, and better tasted than that of another kind bred here, called Flemish sheep, which yield a long coarse wool ; but at the same time are more hardy than the Zaubel sort ; the latter being so tender, that they are never left in the open air during the night. There is, indeed, no venturing with safety, any flocks in the fields all night, on account of the great number of wolves which harbour in the neighbouring woods. Though several of these animals have been destroyed, yet they are not suffered to be entirely extirpated, that the great men of the country may not be deprived of the pleasure of wolf hunting.

The imperial city of Heilbrunn derives its name from an excellent spring, which by means of seven conduits supplies it with water : but at present it is not used medicinally, though it still retains its character for extraordinary purity. The emperor Charles V. attributed his recovery from a fit of illness, in the year 1547, to the use of this spring : this event is commemorated by a monument on the house belonging to the prelates of Scopthal, but at present occupied by the post-master.

Formerly the women of Heilbrunn, by way of mourning, wore on their heads a sort of horn, made of black cloth, about a span in length. I not only observed such a figure engraved on a pillar in the church,

church, but a few years ago I met with some old women here, who still retained this fashion. This custom may easily be deduced from the Germans of the most remote antiquity, an erect horn denoting joy, as an inverted one was the emblem of sorrow.

The city of Heidelberg is very delightfully situated on the Neckar; and, as the palace stands on an eminence, the prospect from it over the valley toward Schwetzingen cannot be exceeded. This palace was almost entirely destroyed by the French, in the year 1693; and indeed, with such outrageous barbarity, that even the electoral burying place was not spared, but the bodies, half decayed, thrown about the streets, some of the inhabitants having concealed themselves in the old ruinous tombs. The Palace consists of several buildings joined together, some of which are in a good taste, and of beautiful sculpture. To the disgust conceived by the present elector against this city, because they would not give him an absolute grant of the church of the Holy Ghost, is owing, that little furniture is to be seen in this palace, beside some old and capital family pictures; and that he removed his court to Mannheim and Schwezingen; the latter of which is too small for that purpose, and except a beautiful orangery, has nothing to recommend it.

The famous Heidelberg tun was repaired in the year 1727, and beautified with a variety of ornaments. At present it is full of wine, and is said to contain two hundred and four tons: on the top it is flat, and railed round, so that several persons may dine and walk about on it. This huge cask was first made in the year 1664, by order of the elector Charles Lewis; and some idea may be formed of its bulk from the iron hoops round it, which are 110 hundred weight.

The electoral territories on the Lower Rhine, namely Juliers, Bergue, and Ravenstein, yield an annual revenue of nine hundred thousand guilders; and

and the like sum accrues from the provinces of the Upper Rhine, exclusive of the large produce arising from the management of the ecclesiastical lands; and the taxes in the provinces, both of the Upper and Lower Rhine, are nearly equal, and amount annually to a million of guilders: and the remaining revenues are expended in paying the troops, and for other exigencies of state.

About two leagues from Heidelberg, the Bergstrasse or mountain road begins, and extends as far as Darmstadt; but the last part of this Road is from Heidelberg to Bensheim, the length of which is eight leagues. The top of the continued chain of hills and mountains on the right-hand, is covered with woods, and more toward the plain with vineyards. The level road is planted with rows of walnut-trees, and on both sides are very fruitful fields and meadows. Some writers call the mountain road the Priests-seat; as the Popish Clergy have always had the sagacity to pitch on the best spots to reside on; however, in several places of the Palatinate, this selfishness of the clergy has not had the intended effect, and they have been obliged to content themselves with what they could get.

Manheim lies about four leagues from Weinheim, and at the same distance from Heidelberg. It is situated in a low valley, and is one of the most beautiful cities in all Germany. All the streets are constructed in straight lines intersecting one another at right angles; so that there are streets or vistas at each corner but symmetry, uniformity, and proportion, have not been duly observed in the houses.

The unwholesomeness of the air, and badness of the water, are great detriments to this place; but these inconveniences have been in some measure redressed, by conveying water from the Neckar. Persons of distinction, however, have their water from Heidelberg, both for drinking and culinary uses; which
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water was formerly sold at Manheim for a croutzer per quart.

The elector palatine claims a privilege from an ancient patent granted by the emperor, of the property of the Rhine; and therefore, styles himself hereditary governor of the Rhine. He also assumes the title of *Dominus Rbeni & Nicri*, or lord of the Rhine and Neckar; and as such allows no Wittenberg boats or other vessels to come higher than Hilbron upon that river. There are now at Manheim some pretty yachts and other vessels belonging to the elector. He also appoints an admiral of the palatinate, which post was lately held by the Dutersen.

The source of the Rhine is in the country of the Grisons, and is divided into Upper, Lower, and Middle Rhine; the latter issues from the mountain of St. Maria, the Upper has its source in the mountains of Crispalt, and the lower Rhine is formed by the mountains of Adula, near the Vogelberg, and rises originally from the ice hills or mountains, which are above a German mile over.

They dig copper and iron near the Marine, beside great quantities of silver; and from the sand gather gold dust. The gathering of gold is one of the royalties belonging to the elector palatine.

Franckfort lies three German miles from Darmstadt. The road between these two cities is for the most part sandy.

The fairs held at Franckfort are famous all over Europe; and some dealers, who are competent judges, have assured me, that ten million of dollars would hardly purchase the merchandise in the warehouses, and those exposed to sale in the fair. Franckfort fairs exceed those of Leipstick, though the latter, by reason of the smallness of the town, make a greater appearance. The yearly revenue of the city of Frankfort is computed at six hundred thousand guilders.

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Among the curiosities of this city, the chief, worth a stranger's notice, is the *aure bulla*, or golden bull. It is kept in the town-house in a tortoise-shell box, with mother of pearl, and lined with yellow velvet. The book itself is very much soiled, but an ample description of it is to be found in Thulemaciuss.

The bridge over the Maine, from Franckfort to Sachsenhausen, is four hundred and fifty common paces in length.

The hazel-tree in Mr. Hassel's garden in this city, mentioned by the Franckfort chronicles above two hundred years ago, is worth observation. The lower part of the trunk measures seven Franckfort ell in circumference; its height is equal to the houses near it; and it bears nuts every year. The shells of the nuts it produces are very thick, but have the same flavour with others. The emperor Leopold died twice under this tree. The soil of the garden must be particularly favourable to hazel-trees; for though the adjacent ground yields only common shrubs, four hazel trees, planted within these fifteen years, are above twenty feet high already. These recruits are substituted as the above-mentioned old tree begins to decay.

Though I did not visit Mentz in this tour, yet as I formerly had an opportunity of viewing this city, I am unwilling entirely to omit it, as a traveller may find here many particulars worthy his notice. The high street is strait, wide, and well built; being adorned with a beautiful fountain, near which is a sumptuous palace, built by two brothers of the name of Dalberg.

The elector's palace contains nothing remarkable; but the Favorita is a modern edifice, and for its situation, the prospect over the Rhine and Maine, the architecture, and the disposition of the gardens, which are adorned with pyramids, statues, cascades, and other water-works, is a most elegant and delightful place.

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From Manheim I visited Landau, five German miles from the former. It is situated in a low plain, and the morafs before the German or Manheim gate, is a good defence. On the other side, namely, without the French gate, are very strong out-works, excellently contrived for the defence of each other. Landau, at the beginning of this century, was three times taken on this side; in the fourth and last siege, however, the French made the greatest efforts on the side of the Manheim gate. This fortification was planned by Vauban; and round it are seven bastions, which consist of two stories, and a platform on the top, so that they form three batteries. In order to defend any breaches that may happen to be made, every bastion has also its counter-guard.

In my journey between Landau and Luneville. I met with nothing remarkable. The roads are bad as far as Weissenburg, where you enter on the causeway. This town is situated in a spacious valley, but its fortifications are old and ruinous. Hagenau is larger and better fortified, but its buildings are irregular. The parts about Saverne are very pleasant, being planted with rows of trees; and as the cardinal de Rohan often resides here in his new palace, he has cut several avenues through the woods, both for his own diversion, and that of strangers who delight in hunting. A little beyond Saverne we ascended a steep mountain, at the top of which is an inscription in the rock, importing that this road, which before was impracticable for carriages, was thoroughly compleated in the year 1616, after a good deal of trouble.

Before the year 1702, Luneville was a mean place; but the French, at the beginning of this century, thinking it necessary to garrison Nancy, the late duke of Lorraine, in order to remove all suspicion that the emperor might entertain of his partiality, withdrew to Luneville, and there built a palace, at which he
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resided every summer: but about thirteen years ago, great part of this edifice was destroyed by fire, which, however, in a short time rose, like the phoenix, more beautiful from its ashes.

Popery is the predominant, and indeed the only religion tolerated in the dominions of the duke of Lorrain; and such care is taken to support it, that whatever subject of Lorrain is convicted of turning Protestant, though chargeable of no other crime, is condemned to death.

The distance between Lunéville and Nancy is about five leagues, and the post-horses are changed at St. Nicolas, a small town much frequented by pilgrims, on account of some reliques of St. Nicolas, bishop of St. Mire.

Nancy is situated in a fine plain, about half a league from the river Meurthe, and consists of the old and new city. In the latter, the streets are broad, straight, and well built. The roofs of the houses, according to the customs of this country, are so flat, that you may walk upon them. In the old city, the oblong area, or broad street before the palace, makes a good appearance. The fortifications were demolished to gratify the French, and nothing now remains of them but the walls and some bastions. The city was restored to the duke of Lorrain, in this defenceless state, at the treaty of Ryswick, on condition that the duke shall not fortify Nancy, nor any other place, without the consent of the French king.

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SACHEVEREL STEVENS, Gent.

Interspersed with the Remarks of later Travellers.

[B]EFORE we enter France with Mr. Stevens, it will be proper to premise a few words of general description of that large and famous kingdom.

France obtained its present name from the Franks, who in the fifth century passed out of Germany into Gaul, and made themselves masters of the whole country, from the Rhine to the mouth of the Loire. This kingdom is bounded by the British channel, and the Netherlands, toward the north; on the east by Germany, Switzerland, and Italy; on the south by the Mediterranean sea, and Spain, from which it is separated by the Pyrenean mountains; and on the west by the Atlantic ocean: extending from 43° to 51° of north latitude, and from 4° west to 7° east longitude. Did not the province of Bretagne extend itself above an hundred miles farther into the ocean than any other part of the kingdom, it would be nearly of a square form, and the breadth and length almost equal, that is, about five hundred and forty miles; but allowing for the hills and valleys, with the winding of the roads, it would in a traveller's account be above six hundred miles over either way.

The air of this country is mild and wholesome, particularly the interior parts of the kingdom. The

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winters, however, in the northern provinces are cold, and last four or five months. Indeed the cold is in that season generally much severer there than in England; for we being surrounded by the sea are less subject to continued frosts, and are beside better provided with firing. They have, however, the advantage of clear settled weather, and are but little troubled with those fogs, which are so disagreeable in Great Britain and other countries. The summers in France are hotter than with us.

France, with respect to its situation, has the advantage of every kingdom in Europe, the seas which border upon it affording the inhabitants an easy communication with the rest of the world; the northern shores being washed by the British channel, the western coast by the Atlantic ocean, and the south by the Mediterranean. Hence no country can be better situated for the advancement of trade and navigation.

The chief mountains of France are the Alps toward Italy, the Pyrenees, which border on Spain, and those of the Cevennes and Auvergne. It is extremely well watered with navigable rivers, the chief of which are the Loire, the Rhone, the Garonne, and the Seine. Of these the Loire is the largest.

The country of France is in general fertile, yet has many barren tracts and mountains. In some parts it produces plenty, and in all of them a sufficiency of the necessaries of life. In plentiful years it yields more corn than is necessary for the subsistence of the inhabitants; but a bad harvest is generally succeeded by a scarcity: and in war-time there has been often a great dearth of grain, which is the more felt in this country as bread is the principal food of the inhabitants.

This kingdom enjoys great plenty of wine, which is produced in all its provinces. Among the several French wines, that of Champagne is reckoned the best, it being a good stomachic, racy, and in taste and smell exquisite, with an agreeable tartness. That
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of Burgundy, the best of which is produced about Beaune, has a fine colour, and a pleasant taste. The wines of Angers and Orleans are also delicate, but a little heady. In Poictou is produced a white wine that resembles Rhenish. The neighbourhood of Bourdeaux and the lower parts of Gascony produce excellent wines. Pontac grows in Guienne. Muscadel and Frontiniac are the delicious products of Languedoc. Between Valence and St. Valliere, along the banks of the Rhone, is produced a very agreeable, but roughish red wine that has a taste not unlike that of bilberries; it is named hermitage, and is esteemed for its wholesomeness.

The territories for oil of olives are Provence and Languedoc. These and other provinces produce saffron, and the northern parts in particular have large orchards, and make great quantities of cyder, which is there the common drink of the inhabitants. Bourdeaux exports great quantities of prunes, and capers are principally produced in the country about Toulon. Flax and hemp thrive in several parts of the kingdom; but linseed is produced only in the north. Most of the provinces abound in wool, and silk is cultivated with great industry, especially in Languedoc, Provence, Lionnois, and Dauphiné; and, during all the time in which the inhabitants attend on the silk-worms, public prayers are offered up for the prosperity of those useful insects.

France also produces horned cattle, sheep, and hogs; but they are neither so numerous, nor in general so fat and fleshy as those of Great Britain.

The title of the king is Lewis XV. by the grace of God king of France and Navarre. The title of sire or lord, is given him by his subjects, as a mark of his unlimited power; and foreigners stile him the Most Christian king, or his Most Christian majesty; but the king's subjects are not to make use of it. Since the year 1359, when Hubert count Dauphin of Viennois, united his country to the crown of

France, the king's eldest son, and presumptive heir to the crown, has been styled Dauphin.

According to French writers their king never dies, but as soon as his eyes are closed, the next prince of the blood succeeds to the throne, and is instantly invested with the supreme authority: but where the king is a minor, that is, before he has entered the fourteenth year of his age, the administration of the government is entrusted to a regent, usually the queen-mother, or a prince of the blood, according to the determination of the parliament of Paris; in which the rest of the kingdom generally acquiesce. But if the deceased king has appointed a regent by his will, that is seldom disputed. By a law termed the *salique* law, the crown of France can never be enjoyed by a woman.

When a new king enters into his fourteenth year, he goes in great state to the parliament of Paris, attended by the princes of the blood, the peers, and general officers of state. This assembly is generally called his bed of justice, and here he is declared to be of age; yet the regent frequently procures himself to be constituted prime minister, and under that title still continues to govern the kingdom till his majesty thinks fit to take the reins of government into his own hands.]

I arrived at Bologne, says Mr. Stevens, on the 15th of September 1738, but to my no small mortification, we were obliged to anchor at least half a league from the shore, till the next morning, when the tide being low, we had no opportunity of reaching the harbour: a boat from the town approached the ship, and though we were then not above a mile from the shore, asked a crown each person to carry us to land, which unreasonable demand was refused; but another boat made toward us, and for one shilling each carried us to Bologne, where we were slightly searched.

The inhabitants, especially the women, as I passed along the streets to my inn, seemed to make a grotesque appearance. Instead of a cloak, they wore a piece of black cloth, which covered their head and shoulders, and some had it hanging down to the waist: the people in general wore wooden shoes.

This city is the capital of the Boulonnois, and is situated at the mouth of the river Liane, which forms the harbour. It has delightful public walks, which, as the town is seated on a hill, affords an agreeable prospect of the sea. The cathedral church is dedicated to the virgin Mary, and has a fine statue of her, to which the inhabitants pay the profoundest adoration: it is of solid silver, and placed in a small chapel behind the choir, finely ornamented with a great number of silver lamps. There are also several convents for the reception of persons of both sexes, most agreeably situated, and adorned with paintings; but the city is very indifferently built. In the afternoon I reached Montreuil, a strong fortified town, situated on a hill; but the private buildings are very indifferent.

[Dr. Smollet writes thus from Bologne. — “ The custom-house officers at Bologne, though as alert, are rather more civil than those on your side of the water. I brought no plate along with me, but a dozen and a half of spoons, and a dozen tea-spoons: the first being found in one of our portmanteaus, when they were examined at the bureau, cost me seventeen livres *entree*: the others being luckily in my servant’s pocket, escaped duty free. All wrought silver imported into France, pays at the rate of so much per mark: therefore those who have any quantity of plate, will do well to leave it behind them, unless they can confide in the dexterity of the ship-masters; some of whom will undertake to land it, without the ceremony of examination. The ordonnances of France are so unfavourable to strangers, that they oblige them to pay at the rate of five per cent. for all

the bed and table linen which they bring into the kingdom, even though it has been used. When my trunks arrived in a ship from the river Thames, I underwent this ordeal: but what gives me more vexation, my books have been stopped at the bureau; and will be sent to Amiens at my expence, to be examined by the *chambre syndicale*; lest they should contain something prejudicial to the state, or to the religion of the country. This is a species of oppression which one would not expect to meet with in France, which piques itself on its politeness and hospitality: but the truth is, I know no country in which strangers are worse treated, with respect to their essential concerns. If a foreigner dies in France, the king seizes all his effects, even though his heir should be upon the spot; and this tyranny is called the *droit d'aubaine*, founded at first upon the supposition, that all the estate of foreigners residing in France was acquired in that kingdom, and that, therefore, it would be unjust to convey it to another country. If an English protestant goes to France for the benefit of his health, attended by his wife, or his son, or both, and dies with effects in the house to the amount of a thousand guineas, the king seizes the whole, the family is left destitute, and the body of the deceased is denied christian burial. The Swiss, by capitulation, are exempted from this despotism, and so are the Scots, in consequence of an ancient alliance between the two nations. The same *droit d'aubaine* is exacted by some of the princes in Germany: but it is a great discouragement to commerce, and prejudices every country where it is exercised, to ten times the value of what it brings into the coffers of the sovereign."—

The Doctor makes the following sarcastical remarks on the people here. — "The inhabitants of Bologna may be divided into three classes; the noblesse or gentry, the burghers, and the canaille. I do not mention the clergy, and the people belonging to the law. The noblesse are vain, proud, poor, and slothful.
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y few of them have above six thousand livres a year, which may amount to about two hundred and fifty pounds sterling; and many of them have not this revenue. The noblesse have not the common sense to reside at their houses in the country, but, by farming their own grounds, they might, at a small expence, and improve their estates at the same time. They allow their country-houses to decay, and their gardens and fields to waste; they reside in dark holes in the Upper Town of Bologne, without light, air, or convenience. They starve within doors, that they may have wherewithal to purchase fine cloaths, and appear dressed a day in the church, or on the rampart. They have no education, no taste for reading, no house-ery, nor indeed any earthly occupation, but that of dressing their hair, and adorning their bodies. They walk, and would never go abroad, if they were not stimulated by the vanity of being seen. I do not except indeed those who turn devotees, and spend the greatest part of their time with the priest, either at church, or in their own houses. Other amusements they have none in this place, except small parties of card-playing, which are far from being expensive. Nothing can be more parsimonious than the oeconomy of these people: they live upon soup and bouillé, fish and salad: they never think of giving dinners, or entertaining their friends; they even save the expence of coffee and tea, though these are very cheap at Bologne. They presume that no person drinks coffee at home, immediately after dinner, which is always over by one o'clock; and, instead of tea in the afternoon, they treat with a glass of bet, or capillaire. In a word, I know not a more insignificant set of mortals than the noblesse of Bologne; helpless in themselves, and useless to the community; without dignity, sense, or sentiment; contemptible from pride, and ridiculous from vanity. They pretend to be jealous of their rank, and will

entertain no correspondence with the merchants, whom they term plebeians. They likewise keep at a great distance from strangers, on pretence of a delicacy in the article of punctilio: but, as I am informed, this stateliness is in a great measure affected, in order to conceal their poverty, which would appear to greater disadvantage, if they admitted of a more familiar communication. Considering the vivacity of the French people, one would imagine they could not possibly lead such an insipid life, altogether unanimated by society, or diversion. True it is, the only profane diversions of this place are a puppet-show and a mountebank; but then their religion affords a perpetual comedy. Their high masses, their feasts, their processions, their pilgrimages, confessions, images, tapers, robes, incense, benedictions, spectacles, representations, and innumerable ceremonies, which revolve almost incessantly, furnish a variety of entertainment from one end of the year to the other. If superstition implies fear, never was a word more misapplied than it is to the mummery of the religion of Rome. The people are so far from being impressed with awe and religious terror by this sort of machinery, that it amuses their imaginations in the most agreeable manner, and keeps them always in good humour. A Roman catholic longs as impatiently for the festival of St. Suaire, or St. Croix, or St. Veronique, as a school-boy in England for the representation of punch and the devil; and there is generally as much laughing at one farce as at the other. Even when the descent from the cross is acted, in the holy week, with all the circumstances that ought naturally to inspire the gravest sentiments, if you cast your eyes among the multitude that crowd the place, you will not discover one melancholy face: all is prattling, tittering, or laughing; and ten to one but you perceive a number of them employed in hissing the female who personates the virgin Mary.—

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The bourgeois of this place seem to live at their ease, probably in consequence of their trade with the English. Their houses consist of the ground-floor, one story above, and garrets. In those which are well furnished, you see pier glasses and marble slabs; but the chairs are either paultry things, made with straw-bottoms, which cost about a shilling a-piece, or old-fashioned, high-backed seats of needle-work, stuffed very clumsy and incommodious. The tables are square fir boards, that stand on edge in a corner, except when they are used, and then they are set upon cross legs that open and shut occasionally. The king of France dines off a board of this kind. Here is plenty of table-linen however. The poorest tradesman in Bologne has a napkin on every cover, and silver forks with four prongs, which are used with the right hand, there being very little occasion for knives; for the meat is boiled or roasted to rags. The French beds are so high, that sometimes one is obliged to mount them by the help of steps; and this is also the case in Flanders. They very seldom use feather-beds; but they lie upon a *paillasse*, or bag of straw, over which are laid two, and sometimes three mattresses. Their testers are high and old-fashioned, and their curtains generally of thin bays, red, or green, laced with taudry yellow, in imitation of gold. In some houses, however, one meets with furniture of stamped linen; but there is no such thing as a carpet to be seen, and the floors are in a very dirty condition. They have not even the implements of cleanliness in this country. If there is no cleanliness among these, much less shall we find delicacy, which is the cleanliness of the mind. Indeed they are utter strangers to what we call common decency; and I could mention some high-flavoured instances, at which even a native of Edinburgh would stop his nose. There are certain mortifying views of human nature, which undoubtedly ought to be concealed as much as possible, in order to prevent giving offence:

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and nothing can be more absurd, than to plead the difference of custom in different countries, in defence of those usages which cannot fail of giving disgust to the organs and senses of all mankind. Will custom exempt from the imputation of gross indecency a French lady, who shifts her frousy smock in presence of a male visitant, and talks to him of her *liver*, her *medicine*, and her *bidet*? An Italian signora makes no scruple of telling you, she is such a day to begin a course of physic for the pox. The celebrated reformer of the Italian comedy introduces a child besotting itself on the stage, OÈ, NO TI SENTI? BINGONA DESFASSARLO, (*sa cenna che senti mal odore.*) I have known a lady handed to the house of office by her admirer, who stood at the door, and entertained her with *bons mots* all the time she was within. But I should be glad to know whether it is possible for a fine lady to speak and act in this manner, without exciting ideas to her own disadvantage in the mind of every man who has any imagination left, and enjoys the entire use of his senses, howsoever she may be authorized by the customs of her country? There is nothing so vile or repugnant to nature, but you may plead prescription for it, in the customs of some nation or other. A Parisian likes mortified flesh: a native of Legiboli will not taste his fish till it is quite putrefied: the civilized inhabitants of Kamchatka get drunk with the urine of their guests, whom they have already intoxicated: the Nova Zemblians make merry on train oil: the Groenlanders eat in the same dish with their dogs: the Castles, at the Cape of Good Hope, piss upon those whom they delight to honour, and feast upon a sheep's intestines as the greatest dainty that can be presented. A true bred Frenchman dips his fingers, imbrowned with snuff, into his plate filled with ragout: between every three mouthfuls, he produces his snuff-box, and takes a fresh pinch, with the most graceful gesticulations; then he produces his handkerchief,

kerchief, which may be termed the flag of abomination, and, in the use of both, scatters his favours among those who have the happiness to sit near him. It must be owned, however, that a Frenchman will not drink out of a tankard, in which, perhaps, a dozen of filthy mouths have flabbered, as is the custom in England. Here every individual has his own goblet, which stands before him, and he helps himself occasionally with wine or water, or both, which likewise stand upon the table. But I know no custom more beastly than that of using water-glasses, in which polite company spirt and squirt, and spue the filthy scourings of their gums under the eyes of each other. I knew a lover cured of his passion, by seeing this nasty cascade discharged from the mouth of his mistress.

The common people here, as in all countries where they live poorly and dirtily, are hard-featured, and of very brown, or rather tawny complexions. As they seldom eat meat, their juices are destitute of that animal oil which gives a plumpness and smoothness to the skin, and defends those fine capillaries from the injuries of the weather, which would otherwise coalesce, or be shrunk up, so as to impede the circulation on the external surface of the body. As for the dirt, it undoubtedly blocks up the pores of the skin, and disorders the perspiration; consequently must contribute to the scurvy, itch, and other cutaneous distempers.”]

The road for great part of the way to Abbeville is extremely delightful, it extending several miles thro’ an avenue of fine spreading trees. The last-mentioned city is seated on the river Somme, and appears to be strongly fortified. There are three draw-bridges over broad and deep moats before you can enter the town. Here is a large manufacture of woollen stuffs, and several churches and convents, in some of which are tolerable paintings. But though it is a handsome well-

well-built town, our accommodations were very indifferent, and the wine exceeding bad.

Between Abbeville and Beauvais is a fine open champaign country, extremely fertile, and abounding with hares, that frisk and play by the side of the road, which is for the most part paved. This city is one of the best I had seen in France: I reckoned up twelve churches, chiefly in the Gothic taste; one of them, called St. Peter's, is a noble building, and the choir is most beautifully and richly ornamented. The market-place is spacious and neat, and the town enjoys a fine situation on the river, amidst several pleasant villages, country-houses, and delightful vineyards, that form on the whole a most agreeable prospect.

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The first place I went to see was the royal hospital
 for invalids, in the quarter called St. Germain's,
 where the English generally reside. This celebrated
 hospital was founded by Lewis XIV. and is situated
 on the river Seine, almost opposite to the Tuille-
 ry or royal gardens. It is built of stone, and con-
 sists of five handsome quadrangles, in which 7000
 soldiers are said to be lodged, and decently
 maintained after the manner of the Chelsea pension-
 ers. The middle square is very grand, and almost as
 large as all the other four. They are surrounded with
 arcades and galleries; on the walls are painted some
 of the battles of Lewis XIV. and in the principal
 apartments are several valuable pictures. The new
 church adjoining to it is esteemed the finest piece of
 architecture in all Paris. The front is stately, and
 adorned with columns and pilasters of the Doric and
 Ionian orders; the dome is finely painted, and
 on the inside are six chapels, in each of
 which is the statue of a saint of white marble.

I next visited the chapel of St. Sulpice, and it
 happening to be a festival of that saint, it was richly
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hung and illuminated with a multitude of lamps and wax candles: the high altar, which is generally covered, was exposed to public view, most splendidly decorated with precious stones: near it stood a silver statue of the virgin Mary as big as the life. The windows of this church are finely painted.

From hence I went to the cathedral of Notre Dame, a magnificent Gothic structure, that very much resembles Westminster abbey. It is supported by above a hundred lofty pillars; and against one of them is built the representation of a rock; upon which is a castle, with the statue of St. Christopher of a gigantic size. The high altar is composed of fine Egyptian marble, and near it is an image of the virgin Mary, with Christ lying dead on her knees: this is allowed to be a master-piece. On one side is the statue of Lewis XIII. and on the other that of his son Lewis XIV. both in a posture of adoration. There are also several large figures of angels, said to be of silver. At the west end of this structure are two towers, and in the middle stands a spire, which appears too small for so noble an edifice. The front is adorned with the statues of several of the kings of France.

At a small distance is the hospital called the *Hôtel Dieu*, or the house of God, in which patients are attended with the greatest care and tenderness by nuns, who discharge the office of nurses. To the honour of this hospital, all manner of patients are admitted, without regard to country, religion, or disease, and no security is required for their burial in case of death; nor are those who labour under any incurable disease ever discharged and suffered to perish in the streets.

In St. Anthony's street is a church belonging to the jesuits, that has a very magnificent altar: on one side of it stands a large silver image of an angel, with its arm extended, and holding in its hand a golden case in the shape of a heart; on the other side stands another angel in the same position: but what is most extraordinary, within these golden hearts are the real

ones of Lewis XIII. and XIV. This church is a neat and elegant modern structure.

The palace of the Tuilleries adjoins to the Louvre, near the river side: the gardens are large and finely laid out. They are visited by the quality, and all who wear a black bag and a sword are permitted to walk here, though all their other apparel may not be worth a crown. Here is a fine terrace-walk of a considerable length, from whence you have a prospect of a part of the town, the river Seine, and the adjacent country. Here are also several basons, fountains and fine statues. The palace is a magnificent structure, and stands so near the Louvre, that a stranger may easily mistake them for one place: this was doubtless the original intention of the builder, and had it been finished, it would have formed the largest, and perhaps the most beautiful structure in the universe.

Though the city hath several bridges, yet only three of them are worth notice. The Pont Neuf, or new bridge, is a very fine one, adorned with an equestrial statue of Henry IV. on a very handsome pedestal, which at the corners have some brass statues. This bridge is composed of twelve arches, and on each side is a foot-path, on which are several stalls or small shops; but in the evening they are obliged to be taken down. This bridge affords a fine prospect of the Louvre, Notre Dame, and all that part of the town; and near the end of it toward the Louvre, is the curious fountain of the Samaritan, so called from the statues of our Saviour and the Samaritan woman placed upon it. Except Westminster-bridge, to which this is certainly inferior, I think this is the noblest bridge I ever saw.

The water of the river Seine generally looks green and dirty, which is not to be wondered at, as it is commonly filled with covered barges full of washer-women cleaning their linen: yet it is carried in pails through the streets, and sold as milk is in London. I cannot here help remarking, that the French women

men are the worst laundresses in Europe : they wash their linen in cold water in the river, and as to ironing and plaiting, they have not the least notion of it. There are here indeed some English women, who will finish them pretty neatly, but not so white as in England, which may in a good measure be owing to the water.

Pont Royal is a handsome stone bridge of five arches, built by Lewis XIV. almost opposite to the Tuilleries.

The last bridge worthy of notice is Pont St. Michael, on which are several houses and handsome shops.

The palace of Luxemburg was built by Mary de Medicis, and is a noble edifice, chiefly of the Tuscan order, situated in a part of the town called the University. The great gallery is worthy the attention of the traveller, and among the rest are several curious paintings by Paul Rubens, containing the most remarkable transactions of the life of that queen. The other apartments are also richly furnished, and adorned with a fine collection of valuable paintings. The gardens of this palace are elegantly laid out, and ornamented with fountains. They are daily visited by the nobility and others, like those of the Tuilleries; but more especially on Sundays, when several thousands of all ranks make their appearance there. It is here the custom for the gentlemen and ladies of the first quality, though richly dressed, to sit down to discourse on the grass.

I had not been long at Paris before I had an opportunity of being a melancholy spectator at the execution of a person broke upon the wheel, as it is commonly called. The unhappy criminal was convicted for shooting at a person with an intent to kill him; he wounded the man terribly in the face, and though he survived, the rigour of the sentence was not moderated. The execution was at the Greve, sort of square, in which stands the town-house. I

the middle of this square a scaffold was erected; and at half an hour after four the prisoner was brought to it in a cart, attended by the city guard walking two and two, and a priest accompanying the dying man. On the scaffold was erected a large cross, exactly in the form of that commonly represented for St. Andrew's. The executioner and his assistants placed the prisoner on it, in such a manner, that his arms and legs were extended agreeably to the form of the cross, and strongly tied down. Under each arm, leg, &c. was cut a knotch in the wood, as a mark where the executioner might with greater facility, break the bone. He held in his hand an iron bar, not unlike an iron crow, and in the first place broke his arms; then in a moment after both his thighs. It was dreadful to see the poor wretch writhe his body with agony, and to observe the distortions of his face. It was a considerable time before he expired, and it would have been longer, had not the executioner given him what is called the *coup de grace*, or merciful stroke, on his stomach; which at once put an end to his misery. They then took the dead body from the cross, and put it on a wheel, fixed to a long pole, where he was exposed for some time; and this part of the ceremony occasions the common expression of being broke upon the wheel, though it is performed on a cross.

Some time after, I took the advantage of a fine day, in order to visit the palace of Versailles, which is twelve miles from Paris. There are several ways of going this short journey; but the most agreeable passage is, in my opinion, in the galliot, a small barge, which sets out every morning from the Pont Royal, and lands you at Seve, from whence you have a delightful walk to Versailles, through an avenue consisting of three rows of trees, that extend a mile and a half, quite up to the palace.

At the extremity of the villa you come to a large parade, on each side of which are the king's stables;

these are noble structures, that might be mistaken for palaces; they contain a great number of fine horses, but the best are English hunters, of which his majesty is extremely fond. Having passed the parade, you enter through the gate of the iron palisade, into the first court, which is flanked by four pavillions; but these buildings make no extraordinary figure, and fell far short of my expectations. From hence you pass through the gate of another palisade, into the second court, which is smaller, but has more grand and pompous buildings. The third court, to which you ascend by five steps, is terminated by a very noble edifice. Here is a fine portico, with three large doors neatly gilt, by which you enter the hall; which is supported by marble columns, and adorned with statues. The grand stair-case is very wide; it is of the most beautiful marble, and is finely decorated with painting and sculpture. Opposite the wings and front of this court, are valuable busts, and in the centre stands a fountain adorned with gilt statues: the front of the palace next the garden is extremely noble, and makes you ample amends for your disappointment, at your first entrance into it from Paris. It is entirely of stone, and of a prodigious length; which has this disadvantage, that if it be viewed at some distance in the gardens, it appears much too low for the length.

The principal rooms are the following: the hall of plenty, and that where stands the billiard-table, in which are some excellent paintings by the greatest masters. The hall of Venus is very beautiful, and, beside the other curiosities, has an ancient statue of a Roman consul finely executed. The hall of Mercury, is adorned with paintings by Titian, and other eminent hands; and in that of Mars, is a fine painting of the family of Darius at the feet of Alexander the Great, by Le Brun: in this piece the passions are beautifully expressed. The grand gallery is 222 feet long, and 30 broad: the ceiling which is arched, is lofty and

and finely painted by Le Brun, with allegorical figures, representing the history of Lewis XIV. from the peace of the Pyrenees, to that of Nimeguen, in nine large compartments and eighteen small ones. This magnificent gallery is adorned with eight antique statues, and many valuable busts, vases, and tables of porphyry and alabaster. On the side fronting the garden, it has seventeen lofty windows; and the opposite side is wainscotted with looking-glass, which has a most pleasing effect. The whole is finely ornamented with gilding, as are most of the other apartments. The furniture is, however, now much soiled, and with respect to neatness and cleanliness is far inferior to that in the state-rooms in the palaces of Kensington, Hampton-Court, and Windsor. The apartments of the king and queen are finely painted; and in his majesty's bed-chamber are some excellent pictures: his bed is of crimson velvet, richly embroidered with gold, which is called the winter furniture, for in summer they put on thinner and lighter. The bed stands in a small alcove, and before it is a gilt balustrade. The cabinet of rarities is of an octagonal figure, and contains a surprizing collection of curiosities in agate, crystal, jewels, medals and other antiquities, with several paintings by the greatest masters. The chapel is a very noble structure; the architecture is of the Corinthian order, and the inside is adorned with a variety of statues, basso relievos, and paintings.

The gardens afford new scenes of astonishment. At the first walk, as you advance directly from the terrace along the front of the palace, you come to two basins; and in the midst of each the water is thrown up in the form of a wheat-sheaf, to the height of about thirty feet. The borders of these basins are adorned with several groupes of brazen figures, representing river gods, and nymphs. At the corners of this terrace, are two other marble basins, where the fountains form two fine sheets of water, and upon the borders are several figures of animals made of brass.

Below these fountains is a very noble one, adorned with the statues of Latona, Apollo, and Diana. There are here many other fountains and cascades, the beauty of which exceeds all description: but what is most admired is the grand canal 1600 yards long, and 64 broad, with a large octagon basin at each end, and intersected in the middle by another canal about 260 yards in length. Here the court sometimes take the diversion of sailing in yachts and galleys. The labyrinth is a fine grove with two statues at the entrance; the one of Æsop, and the other of Cupid holding a clue of thread in his hand, intimating the necessity of such a guide to prevent his being lost in the intricate windings of the place. At each turning you meet with a fountain adorned with fine shells, in which is represented in a lively manner, one of Æsop's fables, and the subject is expressed in four lines of French verses in golden letters, on a plate of bronze painted black.

The orangery or green-house is a noble piece of architecture, consisting of several galleries, the largest of which is 400 feet long, and 30 broad, and all of them are adorned with columns of the Tuscan order. Before this green-house is a fine parterre, with a fountain in the middle of it, which throws the water 40 feet high, and the whole parterre is decorated with statues, vases, and other ornaments.

The Trianon, or summer-house, is situated at the entrance of a wood. Its front is adorned by a beautiful peristyle of marble columns. At the extremity of the wings of the building are two pavilions, and on the top a fine balustrade. His majesty's apartments are richly furnished, and adorned with exquisite paintings: the gallery is very noble, and affords a better prospect of the gardens, than even the great gallery of the palace. It has private gardens prettily laid out, that contain a great variety of the most beautiful flowers: and most of the basins and fountains have marble borders. It is surrounded with
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pleasant groves, in some of which are fine cascades, especially in that of Laocoon.

The menagerie resembles a common farm-house. It stands in the centre of seven little courts, where are kept the wild beasts, and all sorts of fowl: but on entering it, you are agreeably surpris'd at the elegant appearance of the apartments: in one of them is a rich settee bed or couch, for his majesty, and the cieling is covered with looking-glass.

One great advantage, which all people enjoy at Versailles is, that they have constantly free access into the gardens, provided they are equipped with a bag-wig and a sword.

Some time after I made an excursion from Paris to the palace of St. Germain's, which is about four leagues distant from that city, and situated on a high hill, at the foot of which runs the Seine: on the other side is a large forest, and adjoining to the house, a park which has some vistas leading from the palace. It was formerly a hunting seat: the garden and magnificent terrace were laid out, and formed under the direction of Lewis XIV. who also enlarged the building, on account of his having received his first breath in that palace: here also king James II. resided, and spent the remainder of his days in meditating on his own imprudence. The palace is much out of repair, and chiefly inhabited by English, Scotch, and Irish families, the adherents of that misguided prince. It has something the appearance of a castle; and is surrounded with a fine gallery, that affords a view of all the adjacent country. Indeed, had Lewis XIV. bestowed but half the expence on this place, as he did on Versailles, it would have been probably the most delightful palace in the universe.

I had not yet met with any place in France, so agreeable and pleasant as the town of St. Germain; which is very populous, and the air being esteemed the best of any about Paris, great numbers resort thither for the benefit of their healths.

About a league from hence, is the small village of Marli, situated near the banks of the Seine, where is a palace said to have been built by Lewis XIV. but this structure is not answerable to the magnificence of the gardens, which are extremely fine, and the fountains and cascades exceed some of those at Versailles. Here is the machine that fills the grand reservoir, from which the innumerable water-works at Versailles and Marli are supplied.

On my return to Paris, I visited the palace where the duke of Orlean resides. This is a noble building, but the outside is not comparable to the beauty of the apartments, which are richly furnished, and kept in neater order than the palaces generally are: here are abundance of excellent paintings executed by the greatest masters. The gardens are public, and as much frequented as the Tuilleries and Luxemburg, but are greatly inferior to both.

Not far from thence stands the college of the Sorbonne, the most celebrated in France: it was originally a mean structure, but was rebuilt by cardinal Richlieu, and contains apartments for thirty doctors. The church is a fine edifice, adorned with plaisters of the Corinthian order, and several statues of saints and angels: the inside of the dome is elegantly painted, and in the middle of the choir is the tomb of that cardinal in a reclining posture, supported by religion, with several emblematical figures of the sciences at his feet.

The houses of Paris are generally very high, consisting of six or seven stories; and sometimes seven or eight different families live in one house. In some streets inhabited by the nobility there is scarce a house to be seen; they being built with a wall before them. At the grand gate generally stands a Swiss porter, with large whiskers; and sometimes I have seen two or three lusty footmen embroidering a waistcoat, working the wrist-bands of a shirt, or knitting stockings, though dressed and powdered out like men of quality.

The square of Vendome, or of Lewis the Great, is large and handsome, of an octagonal form, and the houses are regularly built. In the center is an equestrian statue of Lewis XIV. in brass, standing on a marble pedestal; which has this inscription, *Viro immortalis*; or, *To the immortal man*: other inscriptions form an elogium on his virtues and exploits.

The generality of the streets are narrow, and have no foot-ways on each side with posts, for the safety of the passengers, as our streets have in London; one cannot therefore walk in them without danger; for the hackney coachmen commonly drive very fast, which, from the crouds caused by the narrowness of the streets, occasions many accidents. The hackney coaches are far genteeler, and easier than ours, and more in number; but regulated much in the same manner. There is also a vehicle used here called a vignere, made after the manner of our common chairs, but more clumsy: it is placed upon two small wheels, and has two shafts like a cart, in which is a person who draws it like a horse; and if the passenger has a servant, he goes in the rear, pushing it forward.

[Dr. Smollet observes from Paris,—" Nothing gives me such chagrin, as the necessity I am under to hire a *valet de place*, as my own servant does not speak the language. You cannot conceive with what eagerness and dexterity those rascally valets exert themselves in pillaging strangers. There is always one ready in waiting on your arrival, who begins by assisting your own servant to unload your baggage, and interests himself in your affairs with such artful officiousness, that you will find it difficult to shake him off, even though you are determined beforehand against hiring any such domestic. He produces recommendations from his former masters, and the people of the house vouch for his honesty. The truth is, those fellows are very handy, useful, and obliging; and so far honest, that they will not steal in

the usual way. You may safely trust one of them to bring you a hundred *louis* from your banker; but they fleece you without mercy in every other article of expence. They lay all your tradesmen under contribution; your taylor, barber, mantua-maker, milliner, perfumer, shoemaker, mercer, jeweller, hatter, traiteur, and wine-merchant: even the bourgeois who owns your coach pays him twenty *sols* per day. His wages amount to twice as much, so that I imagine the fellow that serves me, makes above ten shillings a day, beside his victuals, which, by the bye, he has no right to demand. Living at Paris, to the best of my recollection, is very near twice as dear as it was fifteen years ago; and, indeed, this is the case in London; a circumstance that must be undoubtedly owing to an increase of taxes; for I do not find that in the articles of eating and drinking, the French people are more luxurious than they were heretofore. All manner of butchers meat and poultry are extremely good in this place. The beef is excellent. The wine, which is generally drank, is a very thin kind of Burgundy. I can by no means relish their cookery; but one breakfasts deliciously upon their *petit pains* and their *patés* of butter, which last is exquisite.

The common people, and even the bourgeois of Paris, live at this season (October) chiefly on bread and grapes, which is undoubtedly very wholesome fare. If the same simplicity of diet prevailed in England, we should certainly undercut the French at all foreign markets: for they are very slothful with all their vivacity; and the great number of their holidays not only encourages this lazy disposition, but actually robs them of one half of what their labour would otherwise produce: so that, if our common people were not so expensive in their living, that is, in their eating and drinking, labour might be afforded cheaper in England than in France. There are three young lusty hussies, nieces or daughters of a blacksmith,

smith, that lives just opposite to my windows, who do nothing from morning till night. They eat grapes and bread from seven till nine. From nine till twelve they dress their hair, and are all the afternoon gaping at the window to view passengers. I do not perceive that they give themselves the trouble either to make their beds, or clean their apartment. The same spirit of idleness and dissipation I have observed in every part of France, and among every class of people.

Every object seems to have shrunk in its dimensions since I was last in Paris. The Louvre, the palais-royal, the bridges, and the river Seine, by no means answer the ideas I had formed of them from my former observation. When the memory is not very correct, the imagination always betrays her into such extravagancies. When I first revisited my own country, after an absence of fourteen years, I found every thing diminished in the same manner, and I could scarce believe my own eyes."——

"After all, it is in England only, where we must look for chearful apartments, gay furniture, neatness and convenience. There is a strange incongruity in the French genius. With all their volatility, prattle, and fondness for *bons mots*, they delight in a species of drawling, melancholy church music. Their most favourite dramatic pieces are almost without incident; and the dialogue of their comedies consists of moral, insipid apophthegms, entirely destitute of wit or repartee. I know what I hazard by this opinion among the implicit admirers of Lully, Racine, and Moliere.

I do not talk of the busts, the statues, and pictures which abound at Versailles, and other places in and about Paris, particularly the great collection of capital pieces in the Palais-royal, belonging to the duke of Orleans. I have neither capacity nor inclination to give a critique on these *chef d'oeuvres*, which indeed would take up a whole volume. I have seen this great magazine of painting three times with astonishment; but I should have been better pleased, if there had not been half the number: one is bewildered

dered in such a profusion, as not to know where to begin, and hurried away before there is time to consider one piece with any sort of deliberation. Beside, the rooms are all dark, and a great many of the pictures hang in a bad light. As for Trianon, Marli, and Choissi, they are no more than pigeon-houses, in respect to palaces; and, notwithstanding the extravagant eulogiums which you have heard of the French king's houses, I will venture to affirm, that the king of England is better, I mean more comfortably lodged. I ought, however, to except Fontainebleau, which I have not seen.

The city of Paris is said to be five leagues, or fifteen miles, in circumference; and if it is really so, it must be much more populous than London; for the streets are very narrow, and the houses very high, with a different family on every floor. But I have measured the best plans of these two royal cities, and am certain that Paris does not take up near so much ground as London and Westminster occupy: and I suspect the number of its inhabitants is also exaggerated by those who say it amounts to eight hundred thousand, that is two hundred thousand more than are contained within the bills of mortality. The hotels of the French noblesse, at Paris, take up a great deal of room, with their court-yards and gardens; and so do their convents and churches. It must be owned, indeed, that their streets are wonderfully crowded with people and carriages."

The doctor remarks, that—"the French begin to imitate the English, but only in such particulars as render them worthy of imitation. When I was last at Paris, no person of any condition, male or female, appeared but in full dress, even when obliged to come out early in the morning; but at present I see a number of frocks and scratches in a morning in the streets of this metropolis. They have set up a *petite poste*, on the plan of our penny-post, with some improvements; and I

I am told, there is a scheme on foot for supplying every house with water, by leaden pipes, from the river Seine. They have even adopted our practice of the cold bath, which is taken very conveniently, in wooden houses, erected on the side of the river, the water of which is let in and out occasionally, by cocks fixed in the sides of the bath. There are different rooms for the different sexes; the accommodations are good, and the expence is a trifle. The tapestry of the Gobelins is brought to an amazing degree of perfection; and I am surprised that this furniture is not more in fashion among the great, who alone are able to purchase it. It would be a most elegant and magnificent ornament, which would always nobly distinguish their apartments from those of an inferior rank; for in this they would run no risque of being rivalled by the bourgeois. At the village of Chaillot, in the neighbourhood of Paris, they make beautiful carpets and screen-work; and this is the more extraordinary, as there are hardly any carpets used in this kingdom. In almost all the lodging-houses, the floors are of brick, and have no other kind of cleaning, than that of being sprinkled with water, and swept once a day. These brick-floors, the stone-stairs, the want of wainscoting in the rooms, and the thick party-walls of stone, are, however, good preservatives against fire, which seldom does any damage in this city. Instead of wainscoting, the walls are covered with tapestry or damask. The beds in general are very good, and well ornamented, with testers and curtains.

Fifteen years ago the river Seine, within a mile of Paris, was as solitary as if it had run through a desert. At present the banks of it are adorned with a number of elegant houses and plantations, as far as Marli."

"In the character of the French, considered as a people, there are undoubtedly many circumstances truly

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... The know the fashionable people, and hunting are equipped with their jack boots, and worsted and pistols: but I saw the other forms all more grotesque. On the road to ... to ... stopped, and out ... men armed with musquets, who ... behind a separate tree. I asked our ... they were, imagining they might be ... of justice, in pursuit of some ... But guess my surprize, when the fellow ... were gentlemen & is right. They were ... out from Paris, in this equipage, to ... of hare-hunting: that is, of shoot- ing from behind a tree at the hares that chanced to pass. In fact, if they had nothing more in view, but to follow the game, this is a very effectual method; for the hares are in such plenty in this neighbour- hood, that I have seen a dozen together in the same field. I think this way of hunting, in a coach or chariot, might be properly adopted at London, in favour of the schoolmen of the city, who are too unskilful to follow the hounds on horseback."—

Mr. Tiller afterwards gives the following general view of Paris.—“It is certainly much inferior to London in size and beauty, yet almost every street furnishes either a church, a convent, or something worthy of attention. The place Vendôme, is a small circus, and in the center thereof is a fine statue of Lewis XIV.; indeed neither this circus, nor any of the squares in Paris, are equal in size or beauty to the smallest that adorn the environs of the city of London. The Luxembourg and Tuilleries gardens are indeed very fine, as gardens, but not so pleasing as St. James's and Hyde Park. Every thing in Paris has been so often, and so much better described, than it is in my power to do, that it would be absurd in me to attempt giving you an exact description of any thing; nor have I seen a quarter part of what a stranger is told he must see. The manufacture at the Go- blins

belins is one thing, however, that gave me great delight; and what added to it was, that I found the principal conductor to be an Englishman, whose apartments, ornamented with this work, and his own ingenious pencil, contributed greatly to the pleasure I received: indeed the sister arts seem to dwell with him, and his musical family, in that royal palace; and the execution of this inimitable art of painting in worsteds to such a degree of perfection, is well worthy of the sanction of a king of France. I must now mention a beauty which Paris has, that London has not; Paris being walled in, the ramparts more than half round the whole city, are nobly adorned with four rows of stately trees, in the center of which is a broad road for coaches, and on each side very fine shady walks. Upon these ramparts are to be seen, every fine evening, many of the people of fashion in their coaches, which are often gaudy, but oftener truly elegant, and painted in a most exquisite manner; not with arms, crests, or initial letters, but with a variety of pastoral scenes. On the margin of these walls are a great number of coffee-houses, and places of public entertainment, where are exhibited a variety of amusements, something in the way of Bartholomew Fair; but you may imagine better executed, by a people whose characteristic it is, to laugh and be merry. The coffee-houses, &c. are decorated with a great deal of eye-trap, and in most of them are harlots and musicians; and there the bourgeois, with their wives and children, enjoy a little fresh air, and the view of the adjacent country, which is to be seen in great variety from the different parts of these ramparts. The English are apt to think the French are very poor, but if fine houses, expensive furniture, superb equipages, and a great number of servants, are proofs to the contrary, it is not so. There are certainly more coaches in Paris than in London, and, I believe, more inhabitants; but certainly London is more than one third larger.

The river Seine makes but a poor figure at Paris, when put in competition with the Thames; but when the great distance it is from the main ocean is considered, and the many leagues its fantastic course takes to disembody itself, it must be considered as a wonderful and noble river. The banks are hard and firm on each side, and are adorned with a great number of houses, and some villages. Two leagues from Paris, upon the banks of this river, is St. Cloud, where the duke of Orleans has a noble seat, and where, under his protection, the porcelain manufacture is carried on, and brought to an exquisite degree of perfection. From this seat you have a fine view of Paris, the Bois de Boulogne, and the beautiful line of beauty (according to Mr. Hogarth) that the river Seine exhibits. Greenwich Park is not so crowded on holidays, as the duke of Orleans park is every Sunday during the summer; but none of the French nobility shut up themselves and their houses as the English do. In the many years I have lived in, and near London, I could never see lord Burlington's gardens, though I had frequently a ticket. In France, the appearance of a gentleman, and particularly a stranger, is a ticket to go any where, and ought to be a sufficient tie to every one not to abuse the confidence reposed in him. Scribbling upon the windows, and the like, is not common in France; I do not recollect that I have once seen any writing upon the windows of the public inns, but what was done by the hand of an Englishman."

Dr. Smollet's remarks concerning the French ladies are as follows.—"I shall not pretend to describe the particulars of a French lady's dress. These you are much better acquainted with than I can pretend to be: but this I will be bold to affirm, that France is the general reservoir from which all the absurdities of false taste, luxury, and extravagance, have overflowed the different kingdoms and states of Europe. The springs that fill this reservoir are no
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other than vanity and ignorance. It would be superfluous to attempt proving, from the nature of things, from the first principles and use of dress, as well as from the consideration of natural beauty, and the practice of the ancients, who certainly understood it as well as the connoisseurs of these days, that nothing can be more inconvenient, and contemptible, than the fashion of modern drapery. I shall only mention one particular of dress essential to the fashion in this country, which seems to me to carry human affectation to the very farthest verge of folly and extravagance; that is, the manner in which the faces of the ladies are primed and painted. When the Indian chiefs were in England, every body ridiculed their preposterous method of painting their cheeks and eye-lids; but this ridicule was wrong placed. Those critics ought to have considered, that the Indians do not use paint to make themselves agreeable; but in order to be the more terrible to their enemies. It is generally supposed, I think, that the ladies make use of fard and vermillion for very different purposes; namely, to help a bad or faded complexion, to heighten the graces, or conceal the defects of nature, as well as the ravages of time. I shall not enquire at present whether it is just and honest to impose in this manner on mankind: if it is not honest, it may be allowed to be artful and politic, and shews, at least, a desire of being agreeable. But to lay it on as the fashion in France prescribes to all the ladies of condition, who indeed cannot appear without this badge of distinction, is to disguise themselves in such a manner, as to render them odious and detestable to every spectator, who has the least relish left for nature and propriety. As for the fard or white with which their necks and shoulders are plastered, it may be in some measure excusable, as their skins are naturally brown, or fallow; but the rouge, which is daubed on their faces, from the chin up to the
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the eyes, without the least art or dexterity, not only destroys all distinction of features, but renders the aspect really frightful, or at best conveys nothing but ideas of disgust and aversion. You know, that without this horrible masque, no married lady is admitted at court, or in any polite assembly; and that it is a mark of distinction which no bourgeois dare assume. Ladies of fashion only have the privilege of exposing themselves in these ungracious colours. As their faces are concealed under a false complexion, so their heads are covered with a vast load of false hair, which is frizzled on the forehead, so as exactly to resemble the woolly heads of the Guinea negroes. As to the natural hue of it, this is a matter of no consequence, for powder makes every head of hair of the same colour; and no woman appears in this country, from the moment she rises till night, without being compleatly whitened. Powder or meal was first used in Europe by the Poles to conceal their scald heads; but the present fashion of using it, as well as the modish method of dressing the hair, must have been borrowed from the Hottentots, who grease their woolly heads with mutton suet, and then paste it over with the powder called *buchu*. In like manner, the hair of our fine ladies is frizzled into the appearance of negroes wool, and stiffened with an abominable paste of hog's grease, tallow, and white powder. On the whole, when I see one of these fine creatures sailing along, in her taudry robes of silk and gauze, frilled and flounced, and furbelowed, with her false locks, her false jewels, her paint, her patches, and perfumes; I cannot help looking upon her as the vilest piece of sophistication that art ever produced."——

[Mr. Thicknesse, however, accuses the Doctor of colouring his picture too high:—"The account I give, says he, and that of Mr. Smollet's, of the great disregard to cleanliness among the French nation

tion in general, is to be understood, however, not to belong to their persons, but their houses, cookery, &c. The ladies of France, in particular, are very attentive to cleanliness about their own persons. The various kinds of washing chairs, biddets, &c. that are exposed to sale at almost every shop in Paris, plainly shew, that partial bathing is as much in practice in modern France, as general bathing was in old Rome: even the female servants and common people are much cleaner about the heels in particular, than they are in England.

There are certainly a great number of fine women in France; and a man who cannot see and feel the influence of their beauty, in spite of the singularity of the paint, pomatum and powder, so much complained of; I more than suspect, can look upon a beautiful woman in England with a philosophical indifference.

I am afraid we have a great many pretty women in England, who never wet their skin, but when they wash their hands and face; and I often think of a witty saying of I—d C—d's upon this subject; it is too well known to be repeated; but I am well satisfied it does not hold good in this kingdom. I must, however, own, the quantity of rouge put on by the ladies here, is very singular, and to outdo what nature ever did, very absurd: the truth is, it steals upon them by degrees, their eyes become habituated to it, and they do not see it in the same manner that every one else does. Add to this, it is a mark of distinction; and I am persuaded, if it was not in England a mark of another kind, it would prevail as much there as it does here; but if the ladies of France would leave off snuff, they would captivate men of all nations, as well as their own: however, I know some ladies of high rank who use no paint; in deep mourning none do. I cannot account for it, but this kingdom abounds more with human deformity, than any part of the world I have ever seen; and

I now must remind you to be particularly careful how you walk in the streets of Paris, the narrowness of which, the great number of coaches, carts, cabriolets, and various kinds of voitures, together with the multitude of people crouding through every street, render walking in Paris very dangerous: scarce a day passes that terrible accidents do not happen from the brutality of coachmen, carmen, and the like; and though I have been particularly cautious and careful, I have had some narrow escapes.—Paris is not informed of accidents, robberies, murders, and the like, by daily papers, as we are in London; and, perhaps, this is one reason why people are less upon their guard. Beside the accidents that happen in broad day-light, there are a great many murders committed at Paris in the night. There is a place in Paris where the bodies of murdered persons, or such who have been thrown out of the windows, are exposed, in order to be owned; and this place is seldom without the body of some murdered or drowned person: these murders, however, I presume, are not committed in cool blood, but rather rencounters that happen at houses of ill fame. The common people in England decide their quarrels generally at handy-cuffs; but in France every barber wears a sword, and almost every man knows how to use one; and this, in some measure, accounts for the frequency of murders in Paris.

A stranger, whose attention in the streets is most likely to be employed in looking about him, ought not to walk in Paris till that curiosity is abated, for it certainly is not safe even to the citizens themselves.

To an Englishman it seems very strange to go into an inn and make a bargain for his bed, his supper, his horses and servants, before he eats or sleeps; yet this is common in France, and for a stranger even necessary: for though you will meet with no kind of civil reception at the inns upon the road in France,

As with us, at your entrance, you will meet with an exorbitant bill (without this precaution) at your departure. Therefore when you come into an inn, where you intend to stay all night, or to dine, ask the price of your room and bed, and order a supper or dinner at thirty, forty, fifty, or sixty sols per head; you will then be well served with, perhaps, many dishes, any one of which, had you ordered in particular, would have been charged treble. There are certainly many disagreeable circumstances arise in travelling in France, that do not so frequently attend travelling in England; but then it is in England alone that these inconveniencies do not arise: however, a man that can have good bread, good wine, and an hard egg, with clean sheets, and shelter over his head, has a great many comforts that many of his betters are without. Certainly the Castle of Marlborough is not to be found in every town in France. A man with a small purse, a bad constitution, and of a peevish temper, cannot travel from one side of this kingdom to the other, without meeting with a great variety of circumstances that will ruffle his mind; and so he would if he sat at home in his own chimney corner. It is not, however, what we meet with at sea-port towns, at auberges on the road, or the company that in general frequent such towns and such houses, that are to characterize a nation. I have seen a sailor put a quid of tobacco out of his mouth to sun it for a second regale, and another steal it, and put it reeking hot into his own; and a man that keeps such company, without ever seeing better, might with truth say, that Englishmen are the foulest feeders in the universe. At elegant tables in France, to every cover is set a large deep glass, three parts full of water, wherein the bowl of your wine glass is inverted, to keep it cool and clean; for as often as you drink it is again immersed in the water-glass: and should you either dip your fingers after dinner, or wash your mouth in this (though your own water-

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glass) it would be deemed the height of ill-breeding. The easy address of people of fashion in France, is very captivating. Nothing is so disagreeable as a low-bred Frenchman; no man is more agreeable than a well-bred Frenchman: a low-bred Englishman shocks you with his vulgarity; a low-bred Frenchman sickens you with his impertinence."—]

I left Paris, continues Mr. Stevens, on the 24th of April 1739, and having passed through several towns and villages, which had the appearance of great poverty, met with nothing remarkable till I came to Fontainebleau, a small town about forty miles from Paris. The palace is in a situation inexpressibly romantic, in the midst of a vast and wild forest, great part of which is rocky and mountainous: the palace contains what is called the old castle, which, together with the new palace, forms an extraordinary but very irregular groupe of buildings. The front of the great gate of the draw-bridge is supported by large marble pillars, and embellished with some fine statues: round the court are several turrets and galleries: from thence you ascend to the court of fountains, which is adorned with a great number of marble and brass statues, and a fine basin, with beautiful images spouting water. Several other large buildings adjoin to this; but the whole, as hath been already observed, is irregular and confused. The apartments are grand and magnificent, and the furniture rich: the gallery of the stags is noble, and runs quite along the orangery; the paintings are beautiful, and represent all the royal palaces, and some other fine seats in France. In another gallery Henry IV. is drawn with his nobles, all in hunting-dresses; the portraits of several kings, queens, and princes of the blood royal, are in another apartment. In the gallery of Ulysses, the history of that hero is beautifully painted; it is likewise adorned with several of the fabulous stories in Ovid's *Metamorphosis*; and in another apartment are painted the battles of Henry IV.

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The queen's gallery is very fine, and has several pictures representing the victories of the French monarchs; and in most of her majesty's apartments, the cielings are finely painted and gilt. The gardens seem well laid out, and are adorned with a number of statues and water-works: the orangery in particular is very beautiful: in the middle is a large basin with brass statues; a beautiful figure of Diana holds a stag by his horns, and is surrounded by four hounds. From the pine garden you have a most delightful prospect of the palace; and in the middle is the representation of a liquid rock, from which issues a prodigious quantity of water; and the grottos, parterres, and cascades seem to be numberless.

On our leaving Fontainebleau, the next place of consequence at which we arrived was Châlons, a large town in Burgundy, pleasantly situated on the river Soane, encompassed with a wall. It has a strong castle, and a large ancient cathedral. From thence we proceeded to Lyons in a *coche-d'eau*, a large boat not unlike one of our company's barges: it has windows on each side, and within is very convenient. It is towed along by horses, which, when the banks are good, go on a full trot. The passage is extremely pleasant, and you are all the way entertained with the most charming prospects. At some distance on the right-hand, are lofty mountains, the sides of which are covered with vineyards; and on the left you survey fertile plains of a great extent: thus these agreeable scenes, somewhat diversified, continue till you arrive at Lyons. When you enter this city by water, you perceive two large rocks on each side of you, with the ruins of some ancient castles on their summits, that have a romantic appearance.

Lyons is a place of great antiquity, the capital of the Lyonois, and the second city of France. It is situated on the Rhone and the Soane, which at the end of the town unite and form one river. No inland town can be better situated for commerce, from

its having two such fine navigable rivers, and its being nearly the center of Europe. From the top of the church of Notre Dame you have a prospect of the whole city and the adjacent country, and I could plainly discern the Alps, though more than sixty miles distant: their tops appearing like large white clouds, occasioned by their being covered with snow, though it was now May, and the weather excessive hot. There is here a very strong ancient castle, cut out of a large rock, that makes an antique appearance, and is used for a state prison. There is also a fine stone bridge of twenty arches across the Rhone, and three bridges over the Soane; it is observable of these rivers, that the water of one is perfectly green, and the other as transparent as crystal. The abbey of Notre Dame d'Assnai is much admired for its antiquity, some imagining it to be the Athæneum, the celebrated college built by the emperor Caligula; and near it are the remains of an ancient temple, built in honour of the emperor Augustus. Among the modern structures, the cathedral of St. John is remarkable for a most curious clock that shews the course of the stars, according to Ptolemy's system, the motion of the sun and moon, their rising and setting, as also the length of the days and nights, with the increase and decrease of the moon. It has a most remarkable dial wound up but once in seventy years, on which there is a perpetual almanack: on the top of the clock is a brazen cock, which crows and claps his wings twice every hour; somewhat lower is the image of the Virgin Mary, in a sitting posture: when the clock strikes a little door opens, and an angel coming out, goes to the Virgin, and immediately the Holy Ghost descends in the form of a dove; but soon ascends again, and the angel returns. The clock is very ancient, but esteemed a curious piece of workmanship. The church is large, and remarkable for its decent plainness within; there

there being no statues, images, or even pictures allowed of.

The square of Lewis the great is very beautiful; two sides of it are magnificently built. At a small distance from one side passes the Rhone, and on the opposite side the Soane: there are some fine walks, with rows of trees on each side, much frequented in the evening by great numbers of people; from whence, as it is situated in the lowest part of the city, there is a most beautiful prospect of houses, gardens, churches, and convents, rising in a due gradation above each other. In the middle stands an equestrian statue of Lewis XIV. and two other fine marble figures, representing the above rivers. Near this place is the grand hospital La Charité, which is a prodigious pile of building; this, with the Hotel Dieu, and the town-house, are well worth seeing.

[Dr. Smollet writes thus from Lyons.—“ The country, from the forest of Fontainebleau to the Lyonnais, through which we passed, is rather agreeable than fertile, being part of Champagne and the dutchy of Burgundy, watered by three pleasant pastoral rivers, the Seine, the Yonne, and the Soane. The flat country is laid out chiefly for corn; but produces more rye than wheat. Almost all the ground seems to be ploughed up, so that there is little or nothing lying fallow. There are very few inclosures, scarce any meadow-ground, and, so far as I could observe, a great scarcity of cattle. We sometimes found it very difficult to procure half a pint of milk for our tea. In Burgundy I saw a peasant ploughing the ground with a jack-ass, a lean cow, and a he-goat, yoked together. It is generally observed, that a great number of black cattle are bred and fed on the mountains of Burgundy, which are the highest lands in France; but I saw very few. The peasants in France are so wretchedly poor, and so much oppressed by their landlords, that they cannot afford to

inclose their grounds, to give a proper respite to their lands, or to stock their farms with a sufficient number of black cattle to produce the necessary manure, without which agriculture can never be carried to any degree of perfection. Indeed, whatever efforts a few individuals may make, for the benefit of their own estates, husbandry in France will never be generally improved, until the farmer is free and independent.

I from the frequency of towns and villages, I should imagine this country is very populous; yet, it must be owned, that the towns are in general thinly inhabited. I saw a good number of country seats and plantations near the banks of the rivers, on each side; and a great many convents, sweetly situated, on rising grounds, where the air is most pure, and the prospect most agreeable. It is surprising to see how happy the founders of those religious houses have been in their choice of situations, all the world over.

In passing through this country I was very much struck with the sight of large ripe clusters of grapes entwined with the briars and thorns of common hedges on the way-side. The mountains of Burgundy are covered with vines from the bottom to the top, and seem to be raised by nature on purpose to extend the surface, and to expose it the more advantageously to the rays of the sun. The vendange was but just begun, and the people were employed in gathering the grapes; but I saw no signs of festivity among them. Perhaps their joy was a little damped by the bad prospect of their harvest; for they complained that the weather had been so unfavourable as to hinder the grapes from ripening. I thought, indeed, there was something uncomfortable in seeing the vintage thus retarded till the beginning of winter: for, in some parts, I found the weather extremely cold, particularly at a place called Maison-neuve, where we lay; there was a hard frost, and in the
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of ice. The highways seem to be perfectly safe. We did not find that any robberies were ever committed, although we did not see one of the *marechausse* from Paris to Lyons. You know the *marechausse* are a body of troopers well mounted, maintained in France as safe-guards to the public roads. It is a reproach upon England, that some such patrol is not appointed for the protection of travellers."——

Lyons is a great, populous, and flourishing city ; but I am surprized to find it is counted a healthy place, and that the air of it is esteemed favourable to pulmonic disorders. It is situated on the confluence of two large rivers, from which there must be a great evaporation, as well as from the low marshy grounds which these rivers often overflow. This must render the air moist, frouzy, and even putrid, if it was not well ventilated by winds from the mountains of Swisserland ; and in the latter end of autumn, it must be subject to fogs."——]

On my leaving Lyons, I proceeded by water to Vienne, the capital of Dauphiny, which is situated on the Rhone, at the bottom of very high mountains. Here are to be seen the ruins of an amphitheatre, several palaces, and two famous castles, built on the summit of one of these mountains. Here is also a fine cathedral dedicated to St. Maurice.

My next stage was to Valence, an episcopal city on the banks of the Rhone. It is neat and well-built, and has several good convents. From thence we proceeded to St. Esprit, which is remarkable for its stone bridge of twenty-six arches over the Rhone, esteemed the finest in all France : but the passage under it is thought very hazardous, on account of the rapidity of the stream. There is here a beautiful and strong citadel, built on a rock by the river side.

On the 15th of May I arrived at Avignon, a city in Provence subject to the pope, as is the whole district belonging to it. His legate resides here, and
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has a very fine palace, in which he keeps his court, and is attended like a sovereign prince by his guards. This palace is situated on a large rock, and has a noble and extensive prospect of the beautiful meandrings of the Rhone, with the fine country all around. I visited the apartments, which are hung with crimson velvet, bordered with gold lace. The city has seven gates, and is encompassed with a very strong wall. The churches and convents are exceeding grand, and appeared more magnificent than any I had yet seen. In the church of Notre Dame are the tombs of two popes, who resided here during the schism in the church, while their antagonists continued at Rome.

From this city I set out for Aix, the road to which lies through a most beautiful country. You pass over several downs covered with lavender, thyme, rosemary, and other aromatic herbs; and through vallies intermixed with vineyards, and groves of olive and almond-trees. Aix, the capital of Provence, was founded by Caius Sextus a Roman consul: the air is esteemed the best in France, and being situated in a beautiful plain, that on one side abounds with vineyards, orange, olive, fig, and almond-trees, and on the other is terminated at a small distance by very high mountains; these advantages induce abundance of foreigners to dwell there, and it is seldom without some English families. The town is well built, and the streets are large and well laid out; the public walk is very beautiful, and has some resemblance to the Mall in St. James's Park. There are four fine fountains continually playing, at proper distances. The trees on each side form a most agreeable shelter from the heat of the sun; and behind them are two rows of well-built houses, so that it is the most pleasant street I ever saw; whence in the summer evenings it is full of good company, who are very civil and polite.

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The metropolitan church, dedicated to St. Saviour, is an ancient fine building: in a little cell in this church, they tell you, Mary Magdalen died, after having lived there several years. A small glimmering light is kept continually burning in it, and you are permitted to look through an iron grate; but no stranger has the liberty of going in: the place has a solemn melancholy appearance. They likewise pretend that she was buried at St. Beaume, a few leagues from hence.

The road from Aix to Marseilles is as charming as can be imagined: at a small distance before you arrive at this last city, you see some hundreds of gentlemen's seats, dispersed for two or three miles round the city.

Marseilles is a fine large city, situated on the Mediterranean sea; and at the entrance of the port, are two strong forts opposite to each other, so that no ship can come into the harbour without their permission. This city is said to have been built 700 years before the birth of Christ, and from its advantageous situation, it enjoys a prodigious trade, and is extremely populous. The haven for the reception of ships is very fine and safe, and here are kept the galleys filled with slaves. The town is situated at the bottom of a hill, and is the most regularly built of any town I have seen in France; but the streets are kept very dirty, which renders the place excessively offensive, especially in the summer season. It has a good quay, on the side of which are handsome houses, and before them a fine pavement, which forms an agreeable walk for the inhabitants in the cool of the evening, during the summer season, when the heat is intolerable. Near the quay is a row of small shops or huts, kept by slaves, who sell old cloaths, toys, knives, &c. I have frequently seen seven or eight of them chained together, and working in the public streets like horses; the sight of these wretches, with the rattling of their chains, seem very odd to English-

Englishmen, unaccustomed to behold such miserable objects. The church of Notre Dame is neat; it was formerly, according to some, the temple of Pallas, or according to others, of Diana. It has a fine silver statue of the Virgin Mary, above five feet high, wearing on her head a rich crown. The church of St. Saviour was anciently a temple of Apollo, and is worthy of observation; as is also the abbey of St. Victor, at the foot of the citadel.

From this city I set out in a felucca for Italy, and as I am now taking leave of France, it will be proper to give some account of the manners of the people. The French then appear to be the most lively, and the gayest people upon earth, which is in a great measure owing to the purity of the air, and the happy situation of the country. On a first acquaintance with them they are loquacious, free and open. Their nobility are the politest in Europe; but their civility is attended with very little real sincerity; they are fond of show, and delight in making a figure for a few months at the capital; though, for the rest of the year, they are obliged to live but meanly at their country seats. The women are very free in their behaviour, and have a graceful easy air peculiar to themselves; they are extremely talkative, and of an insinuating disposition; they seem naturally coquets, and given to intrigue; but rob themselves of all their native charms by paint, and smearing their cheeks with red. The common people are the poorest, and at the same time, the merriest in the world. They seem very devout in their churches, except on feast-days, when they are generally too much taken up in admiring the music and ornaments of the church.

France abounds in mineral springs, and quarries of excellent marble, and has mines of iron, copper, and lead. The vineyards of this country produce excellent wine; and the olive-tree thriving to perfection in the south of France, particularly in Provence,

vence, the oil is by some preferred to that of Spain and Italy; and the management of the silk-worm makes a principal part of the employment of many thousands of the inhabitants.

[Mr. Thicknesse gives the following hints of information, which will not be useless to persons travelling to France; and which will be a proper conclusion to our account of that kingdom and people.

——“ As the post-houses furnish you only with horses and drivers, it will be necessary to hire a chaise upon your arrival at Calais: and M. Dessin will provide one for you to Paris for three louis-d'ors; but for a long tour, you will do well to purchase one; and there will be no difficulty in meeting with a tolerably good chaise for twenty guineas. The post-master general has the direction of all the post-horses in France; the posts are farmed under him for the use of the king; and ordonnances are published from time to time, which regulate the number of horses to be taken, and the prices to be paid for them.

The French post-chaises have only two wheels; and when one person is in them, must have two horses; and if two people, they must have three.

When the carriage has four wheels, there must be four horses and two drivers; but in case there should be three persons in it, you are charged at the rate of five horses; and if four persons, you must have six. If a person extra is in the carriage, or a servant behind, you are obliged to pay at the rate of one horse (25 sols) for every such person. It will sometimes happen, when several chaises have gone the same road before you, that the post-houses cannot supply you with all the horses you require, and rather than wait for the return of wearied horses, you go on to the next stage without your full number; yet in that case you are obliged to pay for the whole number prescribed in the ordinance. The price of each horse is 25 sols for each post, and 5 sols is the pay fixed by the ordinance for each driver; though

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no person gives them less than ten, unless they misbehave. There are a few *postes royales*, viz. at Paris, Versailles, and Lyons, and at all other places wherever the king is, and during the time the court is held there; at these posts you always pay double, both at entering and going out.

From Calais to Paris is thirty-two posts, and the last is a royal one, which makes it at the rate of thirty-three; but to make it more familiar, I give you an example of the expences of going post from Calais to Paris.

For one person, 2 horses (50 sols) and driver (10 sols)				
33 posts, at 3 livres per post	-	-	-	99
Hire of a chaise 3 louis-d'ors,				
or	-	-	-	72
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			<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i> <i>d.</i>
			171 livres, or 7	9 7½

For 2 persons 3 horses (75 sols) and driver (10 sols)				
at 4 livres 10 sols per	liv.	sols.		
post	-	-	-	140 5
Hire of a chaise	-	-	-	72
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			<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i> <i>d.</i>
			212 5	or 9 5 8½

But in case you should bring over an English chaise, having four wheels, the expences would increase, viz.

For two persons (if only one in a carriage with four wheels, it is the same) 4 horses (5 livres) 2 drivers (1 livre) at	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
6 livres per post, 198 livres, or	-	-	7 13 1½
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This difference, occasioned by four wheels, which appears but trifling in this instance, will, however, in going from Calais to Marseilles, arise to a considerable sum, as will readily appear, when you consider that the distance is about one hundred and forty posts, including the royal posts; and therefore two persons in the chaise must have one hundred and forty additional horses, and as many drivers; but if you should be alone, you will have the same number of drivers, and double that number of horses extraordinary to pay for.

As to your servant, you will find him of greater service on horseback, than he can be in the carriage; and if you have a two wheel chaise, the expence is the same; but you must provide him with a saddle and strong boots, and when he is mounted, the horse, without guiding, will carry him to the next post; and before the chaise arrives, the fresh horses will be ready, and waiting in the highway. By this means you will not be delayed more than three minutes, and can go two or three posts in a day farther; you will also be relieved from the importunity of common beggars, which is not the least inconvenience in this country, where they are in great numbers, and more troublesome, than in England."]

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Collected from the Remarks of the Reverend Mr.
CLARKE, Chaplain to the Earl of Bristol when
Ambassador extraordinary at Madrid in 1760,
and from other Writers.

OF all the countries in Europe, none are less visited by strangers, the maritime towns excepted, than those of Spain and Portugal; which is partly owing to their situation out of the road to other countries; and partly to the pride and bigotry of the inhabitants, their ignorance of the arts and manufactures; and these countries containing few monuments of antiquity.

In Spain, the want of that general education and knowledge, which is so universally diffused throughout this island, renders the progress of all enquiry very slow and difficult: the reserved temper and genius of the Spaniards make it still more embarrassed; but the caution they use, and the suspicions they entertain with regard to heretics, especially priests, are generally sufficient to damp the most industrious and inquisitive researcher. Add to this that invincible obstacle to all free enquiry in catholic countries, the inquisition, and then it is apprehended that the reader will

will not wonder, that he finds so little entertainment and information in the following particulars.

Spain, including Portugal, is the most western part of all the continent of Europe, and is a large peninsula encompassed on every side by the sea, except on that part which joins to France, from which it is separated by a continued range of mountains called the Pyrenees; on the east and south it is bounded by the Mediterranean, the streights of Gibraltar, and the Atlantic ocean; on the west by that ocean, and by Portugal, which extends along the coast a considerable distance; on the north by that part of the Atlantic ocean called the Bay of Biscay, and also by the Pyrenean mountains; extending between 36° and 44° north latitude, and between 10° west and 30° east longitude, that is, thirteen degrees from east to west, and eighteen from north to south. The whole circuit of Spain, in a continued direction from town to town, and from port to port, exclusive of the windings of the creeks and bays, amount to about six hundred leagues, or eighteen hundred miles, including Portugal, which was anciently a part of Spain.

In most of the provinces the air is pure and dry, but in June, July, and August, the days are extremely hot, especially in the middle of the country; yet in the night a traveller shivers with cold. Toward the north, and in the mountainous parts, the air is, as usual, cooler than in the south, and near the sea it contracts a moisture. It seldom rains, and the winter frosts are never so severe as to bind up the ground. The want of temperature in the heat, and the coolness of the night, is the reason that seed lies a long time in the ground before it shoots up; sometimes indeed a cool breeze, by the Spaniards called a gallego, issues from the mountains of Galicia; and this, without great precaution, occasions violent, and sometimes fatal colds.

Among the many mountains in Spain, the Pyrenees are the most remarkable. These separate Spain from

France, and extend from the Mediterranean to the Atlantic ocean, which is about two hundred and twelve miles, and in some places are above an hundred miles in breadth. Over these mountains there are only five passages out of Spain into France, and even these are narrow; one of them leads from St. Sebastian's in Guipuscoa, to St. Jean de Luz; the second from Maya in Navarre to Annoa; the third from Taraffa in Navarre to Pie de Port; the fourth through the county of Comminges in Arragon; and the fifth leads from Catalonia to Languedoc.

The kingdom of Spain consists of main land and islands. The main land is divided into fourteen provinces, some of which are reckoned to belong to the crown of Castile, and others to Arragon: the former are Old and New Castile, Biscay, Leon, Asturia, Galicia, Estremadura, Andalusia, Granada, Murcia, and Navarre; the latter includes only Arragon, Catalonia, and Valencia, with the islands in the Mediterranean.

The foreign possessions of the crown of Spain in Africa, are the towns of Ceuta, Oran, and Mafalquiver, on the coast of Barbary; in Asia, the islands of St. Lazarus, the Philippines, and Ladrones; the greatest part of the main land of South America; and in North America, Mexico, New Mexico, California, the island of Cuba, part of Hispaniola, Porto Rico, &c.

This monarchy was limited by its Cortes, or parliament, composed of representatives sent from the cities and towns; each of which, according to the old Gothic plan, sent procurators, or deputies, chosen by and out of the aldermen of their respective cities. No act could pass in this parliament by majority of voices; it required the unanimous assent of all the members. All its acts were afterward carried to the king to be confirmed. This Cortes has rarely been called since the year 1647, when they gave Philip IV. the *millones*, or general excise, and will probably never be assembled any more, as their power is great, and they can call ministers so severely to an account.

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The last meeting of it was in May 1713, when it assembled to receive the renunciation of Philip V. to his rights upon the crown of France. This assembly was antiently the keeper of the revenues of the crown. But Charles V. and his ministers laid them aside, because they could get no money from them: and having obtained a grant of the sale of the bull of the crusado from the pope, they found they could get money without the help of a Cortes, and so took their leave of an assembly which few princes or ministers are fond of seeing.

Now this Cortes is laid aside, Spain is no longer a mixed monarchy, but entirely absolute; the whole government being solely in the hands of the king and his ministers, and the councils, which are altogether at their devotion. This change from mixed to absolute monarchy was occasioned by the timidity of the commons of Castile, who having in their last struggle for expiring freedom, supported for some time a war against the crown, on a single defeat deserted the noble cause of liberty in the most abject manner. This war began in the year 1520, and lasted only two years: at which time Charles V. carried his point with a high hand, and told the Cortes, he would always have the supplies granted first, and then he would pass the bills they petitioned for, and not before; to which they timidly submitted.

Their kings, according to the laws of Spain, are declared of age, or out of their minority, on the completion of their fourteenth year. In regulating the succession, after the death of Charles II. a medium was observed between the salic law, and the usage of Castile; namely, that any male heir, howsoever distant, should inherit before a female, who was to have no right but after the extinction of every male-branch.

The laws of Spain are compounded chiefly of the Roman civil law, the royal edicts, and probably certain provincial customs. Where they thought the

Roman law was not sufficiently extensive, they have made large additions of their own. These are called the *Leyes de Partidas*; and form at present a system of modern Spanish law, which have been published by Berni and Catala in six volumes octavo. The name *Partidas* comes from the division of them into chapters. As to what we call common law in England, the Spaniards have no such thing; their provincial customs have some resemblance to it, but their laws are *Leyes Scriptæ*. Much, however, of the feudal and Gothic constitutions still remain: thus the *grandes* have still their vassals, and very extensive powers over their persons. Their great court of civil law is divided into the two chanceries of Valladolid and Granada, which include the whole kingdom. All other causes go before the respective courts to which they belong, whether civil, criminal, or commercial, which are as follow:

1. The royal or supreme council of Castile. This and the following council are frequently assembled as one, to determine appeals made from the chanceries of Valladolid and Granada: and sometimes affairs of the police are referred to them by the king.
2. The second hall of government. The determinations of these are not final, but the ultimate appeal lies to the following court.
3. The hall of the *muy señalados*. So called, because the parties must first deposit here one thousand five hundred doblas, (about 223 l.) before the appeal can be lodged, which is not a large sum, considering law-expenditures. This is nothing else but a committee of the upstream council.
4. The hall of justice. This is a court for matters purely religious, and is a part of the upstream council.
5. The hall of the province. This is a court of matters chiefly relating to the police.
6. The fiscal: the office of the attorney general for the royal council.

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7. The hall of the *alcaydes de la casa y Corte*. This hall was instituted by Alphonzo X. to superintend the lodgings for the court, and to provide them. As every house in the kingdom was subject to this inconvenience, the landlords of houses made a composition with the crown to get rid of this grievance.

8. The supreme council of war. This determines all causes relating to the army; except what belongs to the council of the Indies.

9. Council of the inquisition. This consists of an inquisitor-general; of five counsellors, whereof one must always be a Dominican; of a procurator; two secretaries of the chamber; two secretaries of the council; an Alguazil-mayor; a receiver; two reporters; two qualificators, and counsellors; and a legion of familiars, or spies. Of this we shall treat more particularly presently.

As the Spanish church certainly remained pure, uncorrupted, and unpapistical till toward the eighth century; so from that period downward, paganism artfully, and by almost imperceptible insinuations, gradually stole in, wearing that mask or vizard, which we now call popery. Whatever triumphs Christianity may formerly have gained over the Gentile worship, paganism, in all catholic countries, is now entirely revenged; she triumphed in her turn from the moment she established herself in the form of popery. Concealed under this drapery, she presides in the very tabernacle and sanctuary of Christians, and is worshipped sitting between the horns of the altar. When you enter a Roman catholic, apostolic, papistical, Christian temple, at your first view you see that all is Pagan. The late Dr. Middleton hath very learnedly, elegantly, and effectually proved this point to demonstration. The resemblance is so striking between the use of the ancient thura, and the modern incense; their *aspergillum*, *lavacrum*, &c. and the present holy water; the blessing of horses, and the ancient benediction of cattle; the same profusion of lamps and wax-lights; between the ancient *vestibule*

tabule, αναθήματα, and the modern votive lamps, offerings, and pictures: the multitude of shrines, crosses, and altars in the churches, roads, hills, and high places; and particularly of images, which will naturally bring to mind that satirical joke of Petronius, who said he never walked the streets, but he could much more easily meet with a god than a man.

The absurdity of their reliques is beyond measure ridiculous: such as the thigh of St. Lawrence, with the skin burnt, and marked with the prongs, which he was turned with on the grid-iron. There are said to be the heads of two thousand martyred virgins in the convent of our lady of Atoche near Madrid, where the British standards, taken at the battle of Almanza, still remain.

The crusade against the followers of Waldo (a merchant of Lyons) or the Albigenses, in 1160, gave birth probably to the Inquisition. Pope Gregory IX. first devised that horrid tribunal, but Innocent IV. was the first, who had abilities and courage sufficient to bring it to a due maturity, and gave it a just establishment. The form of it, and the number of its members, differ greatly in different countries. In Spain it was established chiefly by cardinal Ximenes, who knew perfectly well what political use could be made of it. The Spaniards still support it, not so much with an intention to burn Jews or heretics, as they do in Portugal; but to enjoy the benefit of one religion: the want of such uniformity being, they apprehend, a great inconvenience to other states. Mons. Voltaire indeed is of another opinion; he tells us, that if there was but one religion in England, the government would soon become despotic; if there were two, they would cut each others throats; but as there are so many religions amongst us, things go on very quietly. Such a tribunal, shocking as it is to humanity, has nothing but false political ends to plead in its excuse: and where nature and religion must be sacrificed, such a policy is only worthy of a Machiavel, a Ximenes, or an emperor of Japan. The principles,

principles of toleration are founded in nature, reason, humanity, justice, and true policy. If in a well civilized state the majority are of one religious persuasion, the most that you can lawfully do is, to lay those who are dissentient, under such restrictions, as shall prevent their disturbing, or subverting the civil or religious harmony of the state. This is all that appears to be allowable; and of this nature are the laws in England and Ireland against the papists. But when you come to molest innocent subjects, to take from them their possessions, to expose them to tortures and cruel deaths, or drive them to seek settlements in other countries; you then exceed your power, play the part of a Syracusan tyrant, and it becomes persecution; like the expulsion of the Moors, or the revocation of the edict of Nantz.

Spain has 8 archbishops, and 46 bishoprics.

The supreme office of this Holy Tribunal, as they call it, is at Madrid; but there are also inferior holy tribunals, or inquisitionary offices, placed in the great cities almost all over Spain. This holy office used antiently to acknowledge only the power of the pope above it, and had defiance to all other controul. It raised itself far above the authority of their kings, who were often bridled, humbled, and even punished by it. It then was truly formidable, when supported by the united force of papal and royal authority. Their *auto de fes*, or solemn acts of faith, used to be exhibited commonly when their princes came of age, or at their accession.

In the year 1724, there was printed in London, *The Trials and Sufferings of Mr. Isaac Martin, who was put into the Inquisition in Spain for the sake of the Protestant Religion*. The account he gives is as follows.

“ In the beginning of Lent, in the year 1714, I arrived at Malaga with my wife and four children.

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Landing my goods at the custom-house to be searched, a large Bible, and other books of devotion that I had, were found and seized. I asked what was the reason, and was told, that they must be examined, to see if there was nothing written against the holy faith of the church of Rome. Knowing that there were no books of controversy, I thought I should have them again. I went several times to the clergy to get them, and asked advice of the consul, and other gentlemen, how I should do to get them. They telling me it was in vain to trouble myself, for I should never get them, I gave over going to the clergy, and lost my books.

I had not been above two or three months at Malaga, but I was accused, in the bishop's court, of being a Jew, and that my name was Isaac, and that of one of my children, Abraham. I, hearing of it, acquainted the consul, who bid me not to mind it; that the Irish papists had given that information: and bid me keep no correspondence with them, for they were a scandalous sort of people.

During four years, that I was at Malaga, I and my family were much tormented by the clergy and others, persuading us to change our religion; and especially by an Irish priest, who made it his business to go from house to house to gain converts, as he called them. Finding that I could not be at rest, I resolved to dispose of what I had, and to retire to England, where I might serve God, in the exercise of my religion, in peace and quietness, without being tormented to change it. I had no sooner given out that I would dispose of what I had and retire, but there was a rumour, that I was to be taken up by the Inquisition: which I could not believe: but, some days after, I found, to my sorrow, that it was true.

About nine o'clock at night, being a late hour in those countries, people knocked at my door, I asked them what they would have? They said, they wanted to come in. I desired them to come the next morning,

ing, for I did not open my doors at such an hour. They answered, they would break them open; which, accordingly they did, being about fifteen priests, familiars, a commissioner, and others belonging to the Inquisition, in arms. I asked them what they wanted? They told me, they wanted the master of the house; to which I replied, I am the man, what do you want with me? who are you all? They answered, we belong to the Inquisition; take your cloak and come along with us. I was surprised at this, and said, pray, gentlemen, stay a little, that I may give notice to my consul; for I am an Englishman, and the Inquisition has nothing to do with me. But they answered, your consul has nothing to do in this case. Come, let us see if you have no arms about you. Where are your beads? I said, I am an English protestant; we carry no private arms, nor make use of beads. When they had searched me, and taken my watch, money, and other things that I had in my pockets, they carried me to the bishop's prison, and put me in a dungeon, with a pair of fetters on; forbidding the prisoners, upon pain of excommunication, to have any conversation with me, for I was a heretic, and a very dangerous man against the holy faith.

My wife and children fell a crying, to see so many men in arms carrying me away: but she was forced to go and cry in the neighbourhood, for they turned her and her children out of doors, and kept the house to themselves five days; till they had taken every thing away: and then they returned her the key to go into her house again, where she found nothing but the bare walls.

Four days after I had been in the dungeon, my fetters were taken off, and I was examined by the commissioner of the Inquisition, who had taken me up. He asked me, whether I had any effects beside what was found in my house? And whether any body owed me any money? which he bid me tell him, and
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and I must go to the Inquisition at Granada. I begged of him to let me be examined at Malaga, and to tell me what I was taken up for; he told me I should hear that at Granada. Then I desired him, for God's sake, to let me see my wife and children before I went; but he told me it could not be done. The next morning, having two pair of fetters on, I was mounted upon a mule, and so led out of town, the people crying out after me, *Go to Granada to be burnt; you are a Jew; you are an Eng^lish heretic*; huzzaing and making scoff at me. Thus was I conducted out of Malaga, without having the liberty to see my family, or any room to believe that I should ever see them any more.

The mule that I was upon was loaded, and my fetters being very troublesome to me, and hurting the mule's neck, she threw me, and pitching upon a point of a rock, I almost broke my back; insomuch that I could not get up again without help. That day we came to a place called Velez-Malaga, where I had the good fortune to meet with an English merchant, a very worthy gentleman, and a good friend of mine, who was very sorry to see me in this dismal condition. He sent for a surgeon to dress my back, which was very much bruised, and told me that he would do me any service that he could. I told him what had happened to me, and as he lived at Malaga, desired him to assist my family, and to charge my wife from me, not to change her religion; but to take care of the children, and if she found that I was a lost man, to retire to England. I desired him to present my service to all the protestants that were at Malaga, and to desire the consul to write to Madrid to our envoy, that he might know what had happened to me, and might demand me at the court of Madrid, as being an English protestant, over whom the Inquisition had no power. My friend told me that he would do what I desired of him, and that he believed they had given out that I was a Jew, only for a pretence to take me up, in order to make me change my religion.

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I asked of the carrier, that had me in custody, whether we could not get a coach or chaise to go to Granada, for my back pained me very much upon the mule: but he told me, that a horse could hardly go the road; that he was sorry for my pain; but, dead or alive, I must go to Granada with him, and be there at such a time; for so were his orders, and he must obey them. The next morning, mules being ready, my friend gave me some money, and some provisions for the road. Then, embracing one another with tears in our eyes, we parted.

It is seventy-two miles from Malaga to Granada. We were three days on our journey, and I suffered very much from the fall I had received; but the trouble of mind that I was in was greater.

When I arrived at Granada, the carrier made me stay in an inn, till such time as it was almost dark; for they put no body in the Inquisition by day-light. He asked me if I would not write to my wife, which I did; but could perceive, by his discourse, that the letter was to go to the Inquisition, and my wife never received it. When night came, I was carried to the holy office of the Inquisition, as they call it. The first thing the gaol-keeper did, was to take off my fetters, which eased me very much; then I was led up one pair of stairs along some galleries, where coming to a door, the gaol-keeper opened it, and then opening a grated door, led me into a dungeon, where he remained with me till such times as the under gaol-keeper fetched a lamp, and the things that the carrier had brought, which was an old bed, a few old cast-off cloaths, and a box full of books. I desired the gaol-keeper to let me have some of them to read; but he nailed the box up, and told me, that they must go to the Lords of the holy office, and that there were no books allowed there. I was very sorry to see them, for there happened to be two, which were books of controversy.

After the gaol-keeper had searched me, and took the money that my friend had given me, he took
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a pen and ink, and writ down what the carrier brought, and asked me what the buttons of my roquela were made of, and the buttons of my coat; I told him some were gold, and some were silver. He bid me count them exactly, both great ones and small ones, took my rings off my fingers, and an exact account of every rag that I had, and writ them all down, as if I was making my will; then told me that I was in a holy place, and that there was nothing left me, that I should have them all again when I went out. After that he asked me if I had no private arms, nor no money hid about me? telling me that I must declare it upon pain of two hundred lashes, if I did not; to which I answered, I was an Englishman, and that we never carried private arms about us. Then he asked me, what religion I was of? I told him I was a protestant. What! Then you are no Christian! said he. Yes, I am, though you do not reckon me so, said I. But he answered, You are not right Christians, you are heretics; and after having asked my name, and several frivolous questions, to which I answered, he began thus.

You must observe a great silence here, as if you were dead; you must not speak, nor whistle, nor sing, nor make any noise that can be heard; and if you hear any body cry, or make a noise, you must be still, and say nothing, upon pain of two hundred lashes. I told him, I could not be always upon the bed, and asked, whether I might not have the liberty to walk? He told me I might, but softly.

Then he asked me, if I would have any thing to eat or drink? I desired him to give me a little wine, which he did, with some bread, and half a dozen wallers, bidding me make my bed, and put out my lamp, and he would call upon me in the morning. When he had said the door, he left me to myself, in a close apartment, and full of sorrow.

When I had prayed to God, to give me patience in my troubles, and to deliver me from the cruel hands
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into which I was fallen ; I went to bed ; but had little rest that night, for I found it very cold ; the floor being bricked, and the walls between two and three feet thick : so that though I was up one pair of stairs, I was as if I had been in a cellar, it being frosty weather at that time. Night being over, I perceived day-light through a hole, about a foot long, and five inches broad. But, the walls being so thick, there was but little came in. The hole was just by the ceiling ; so that I could see nothing but the sky. A little while after, came the gaol-keeper, to light my lamp ; he opened the close door, and through the grated one, lighted it, and bid me dress myself ; for I must go for some provisions, and must light my fire, and dress my dinner.

Sometime after, he came and took me down stairs with him to a turn, such as they have in convents; where a man at the other side, whom you cannot see, turns in your allowance. They gave me half a pound of mutton, (their pounds are but sixteen ounces, and at Malaga they are thirty-two) about two pound of bread, some kidney-beans, some raisins, and about a pint of wine, and two pound of charcoal. I had a little earthen stove to light my fire in; a pipkin to boil my victuals; some earthen plates, and pitchers to hold water; a bason; a broom to sweep my dungeon; three baskets, one for bread, meat and greens; another for charcoal; and the other to sweep my dirt in; and a wooden spoon: but I had no knife nor fork, no table, and nothing to sit upon, but some boards that were fastened in the wall, upon which my bed was placed. The gaol-keeper shewed me how I must manage my allowance; he parted my meat in three parts, and told me it must serve me three days, and then I should have more. Then he shewed me how to light my fire, and told me that I must be ingenious, and learn to dress my victuals nice, and to make the meat savoury. I thanked him very kindly for shewing me, and away he went.

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I thought it very hard to be reduced to such short allowance, having before lived in plenty: I dressed the third part of my meat, with some kidney-beans, as well as I could; and though I was in great pain from the fall I had received, I eat my meat, and could have eaten more if I had it. That done, I went to bed. In the afternoon, the gaol-keeper came to see me. I told him I had a great pain in my back. He told me, I should have a doctor, which I had the next morning; who ordered me to be blooded, which was done accordingly. He gave me some oil to anoint my back; but I could not anoint it myself, so that I made no use of it, but to burn. The doctor was two or three times with me; and I kept my bed three or four days; during which time they brought me my victuals ready dressed; but it was three months before the pain of my back was quite gone.

That day sevensnight, that I was put into the Inquisition, the gaol-keeper bid me to get myself clean, for I must go to audience. I, not knowing what he meant, desired him to repeat what he had said; and so he did. The word audience surprising me, I asked him who I must go before? He replied, You must go before the lords of the holy tribunal, to be examined. I told him it was very well; and desired him to send for a barber to shave me. But he answered, there were no barbers allowed but three times a year. I went along with him, and he would hardly allow me to take my perriwig on my head. Coming into a room, I found two men, one sitting between two crucifixes, and the other at his left hand, with pen, ink and paper before him. He was the secretary, and a young man. My lord was an old man, of about sixty years of age, looked like a lean jesuit, and was the chief of the three lords inquisitors. He bid me sit down upon a little stool that was there on purpose, which fronted him; so that there was a table between him and me, and a crucifix in the middle.

idle of it that fronted me. And thus he began to talk to me with a great deal of gravity, and I heard with a heavy heart, and a very uneasy mind.

Inquisitor. What was you brought here for? How are you here? Can you speak Spanish? *Martin.* My lord, I don't know what I was brought here for. I can speak Spanish, but not so well as English or French. If you please to send for an Irish, or a French priest, I should be glad; for I am afraid that I have not Spanish enough to answer your lordship in the things that you may demand of me. *Inq.* I do you speak Spanish enough. What have you done? What is your name? What countryman are you? What religion are you of? *Mart.* My lord, I don't know what I have done. My name is Isaac Martin. I am an Englishman, and a protestant.

Will you take an oath that you will answer the truth to what shall be demanded of you? *Mart.* Yes, my Lord, I will. *Inq.* Well, put your hand upon the crucifix, and swear by the cross. *Mart.* My lord, we swear upon scripture. *Inq.* It is no matter of scripture; put your hand upon the cross. [I put my hand upon the cross, and thus he begun.] You must tell me what your father and mother's names were, and what their fathers and mother's names were, what brothers and sisters they had, and what brothers and sisters you have, where they were born, and what business they followed, or follow? [To which I answered to the best of my knowledge; too long to be here inserted.] You say you are an Englishman. We have great belief in them; they are generally people that speak the truth; I hope you will. *Mart.* My lord, I don't know that I have done any thing that I should be afraid of. Your lordship has given me my oath; and if you had not, I should have told the truth. *Inq.* It is very well, Isaac. [Then he begins to ask about my wife's relations, as he had about mine; and what name my father and children had; to which I answered directly.]

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Where was you born, Isaac, and in what parish?

Mart. My lord, I and my family were all born at London, but in different parishes.

Inq. Are you a scholar? Have you studied Latin?

Mart. No, my lord, I have had but a common education.

Inq. What do you call a common education in your country?

You have been at school; what did you learn there?

Mart. My lord, I learn'd to read, to write, and to cast accompts; that is what we call a common education.

Inq. What sect are you of? For in England you have several religions, as you call them.

Mart. My lord, there are different opinions in England, in matters of religion.

I am of that which is called the church of England; and so were my father and mother.

Inq. Was you baptized?

Mart. Yes, my lord, I hope I am a Christian.

Inq. How are you baptiz'd in England?

Mart. We are baptiz'd in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Inq. Do you take the sacrament in your religion?

Mart. Yes, my lord.

Inq. How do you take it?

Mart. My lord, we take bread and wine, as our Saviour gave to his apostles.

Inq. Do you confess your sins to your clergy, as we do in the church of Rome?

Mart. No, my lord, we confess them only to God Almighty.

Inq. Do you know the Lord's prayer, the Creed, and the Ten commandments?

Mart. Yes, my lord, and will give you an account of my religion, if you please, and prove to you, that I am a Christian, though I have been called a Jew, and a heretic.

Inq. What do you believe in your religion?

Mart. My lord, we believe the same creed that you have.

Inq. Have you any bishops in your religion?

Have you been confirm'd?

Mart. My lord, we have archbishops, and bishops; but I don't remember what or I have been confirm'd.

Inq. Isaac, you have been brought up in the dark, it is a pity; but you may enlighten your self if you will.

Mart. My lord, I hope I have light enough to save myself, if I live many days to the full.

His discourse being very long, and

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I very much troubled in mind, the tears came into my eyes; which he perceiving, spoke thus to me, very smoothly.] *Inq.* Don't cry, nor don't be afraid; there is no body put to death here, nor no harm done to any body; I hope your case is not so bad but it may be remedied. You are among Christians, and not among Turks. *Mart.* My lord, I know very well that I am amongst Christians; and that the laws of Christ are merciful: but I have been used as if I had committed murder. *Inq.* Well, have patience, you shall have justice done you; you must think of what you have done, or said, during the time that you lived at Malaga, and confess it; for that is the only way to get out of your troubles. But let us continue our examination. To be sure, you was not brought here for nothing, was you? *Mart.* My lord, I don't know what I was brought here for. *Inq.* You must think of that, and you must tell me how old you are; and, from as far as you can remember, the life that you have led, what company you have kept, what business you have followed, what countries you have travelled in, and what languages you can speak? *Mart.* I have been a traveller this many years, and have made several trading voyages; sometimes in one country, and sometimes in another; and can't remember how long I have lived in every place, but I will tell you as well as I can. *Inq.* It is very well, Isaac, tell the truth. [After I had told him, to the best of my knowledge, he said,] It is very well, Isaac; you have been a great traveller; you have been wild in your time. *Mart.* Yes, my lord, too wild; for if I had stayed at home, as I ought to have done, I should not be in this misery as I am. *Inq.* In your religion, do you believe in the virgin Mary, the mother of God, and in the saints? Don't you worship them? *Mart.* My lord, we believe that the virgin Mary is the mother of Jesus Christ carnally; and believe she and the saints are happy; but we don't worship them. *Inq.* What! Don't you wor-

ship the mother of God, and the saints, that are always praying for us? *Mart.* No, my lord, we worship only one God in three persons, and nothing else. *Inq.* [He speaks to the secretary.] It is pity that he has been brought up in heresy; he talketh pretty well. [Then he makes a long discourse to me, representing to me,] What a pity it is, that England has left the true faith, and has embraced heresy; that formerly produced a great many saints; but now it produced nothing but schisms and heresies: that our bishops and clergymen were a strange sort of people, to marry as they did; [and thus he ran on a long while: to which I answered,] That I believed England produced as many good men as ever it did; [but he bid me hold my tongue; and told me,] I knew nothing of those affairs; bid me think of what I had done, or said, during my living at Malaga, that I should have time to think of it, and to think upon what he had told; bid me go to my dungeon, and he would send for me another time. [To which I said:] *Mart.* My lord, I hope that your lordship will consider that I have a family; and I beg that your lordship will dispatch me as soon as possible. *Inq.* I will do all that I can to dispatch you; go and think upon what you have done or said; I hope your case is not very bad, and can be remedied, if you think upon what I have said to you. [It was a long audience, for it lasted an hour and a half.]

When I came to my dungeon, I reflected upon what had happened to me during my living at Malaga, and upon what my lord had said to me. I found by his discourse that he was very well informed what countryman I was, what family I had, what their names were, what religion I was of, where I had travelled, and what languages I could speak. As the gaol-keeper came mornings and nights to light my lamp, I desired him to tell me what he thought of my case, and how I must behave myself at audience. I made as much a friend of him as I could, in order to learn

learn something of the ways practised in the Inquisition. But they are sworn to keep them secret; so that I could not learn much of him. He told me, that I was there for the good of my soul; that the lords of the Inquisition were very merciful; that I must not be afraid; that there was no body put to death there, nor no harm done to any body: that the lords of the Inquisition demanded only a true confession; that he believed my case was but a small matter, that I could remedy easily; and advised me, as a friend, not to contradict them, let them say what they pleased, for they were holy, just men.

I thanked him for his advice; but found that my lord and he were both liars, in telling me that I had no occasion to fear, and that there was no harm done to any body there; for I knew, that in the holy office of the Inquisition (as they call them) they torture people; they whip them; they send them to the galleys; and they burn them alive, without any body's daring to find fault, though it should happen to their own relations; upon pain of being put there themselves, if the Inquisition should hear of it: for they pretend to be as infallible as the pope in their way of justice; and that whatever they do is just; and the king himself has nothing to do with them; for they are above him, and he himself subject to the Inquisition.

A week after, I was called to audience, and coming into the room, my lord began thus: Well, Isaac, how do you? Do you remember what you have done or said whilst you lived at Malaga? Have you reflected upon what I said to you? *Mart.* Yes, my lord; but I can't remember every thing that has happened in four years time. *Inq.* Well, let us hear what you have remembered. *Mart.* My lord, during my living at Malaga, I was attacked and insulted several times about my religion. I hope your lordship allows, that an honest man ought to defend his religion. *Inq.* Yes, Isaac, he may defend it.

Mart. My lord, it is what I have done, and the same liberty have the Spaniards in my country; for if a bishop should attack them in matters of religion, they have the liberty to defend themselves. *Inq.* How long have you been married? Was your wife a widow, or a maid, when you married her? *Mart.* My lord, she was a widow, and had two children; and I have been married about seven years with her; [which he knew as well as I; but was always sifting me, and hardly ever looked in my face.] *Inq.* What quarrels have you had with people? Do you remember their names? If you do, name them. *Mart.* I named four or five that I had words with. *Inq.* You think that those people are your enemies; tell me, what reason you have to think so? *Mart.* My lord, at my first arrival at Malaga, three Irishmen went to the bishops court, to acquaint them that I was a Jew; they hardly knew my name, nor what religion I was of. Your lordship has heard of it, I suppose; all the time that I lived at Malaga, they, upon divers occasions, shewed themselves my enemies. My friends sometimes told me that they spoke ill of me behind my back: sometimes saying that I was a Jew, and sometimes that I was a heretic; and that they would play me a trick one day, that I should not carry much money along with me, if I left the place; and I find, my lord, that they have accomplished their design. *Inq.* Have you had no words about religion? Have not you blasphemed against our holy faith? *Mart.* No, my lord, I am a better bred man than that. My religion does not permit any such things. It is true, that I have had high words about religion, when I have been attacked: but not to blaspheme your religion. *Inq.* Well, but what is the reason that you have so many enemies? Can you tell? *Mart.* I knew no other reason, my lord, but that I am an English protestant, and had better business than they had, which caused them to envy me ever since

I have lived at Malaga. [He speaks to the secretary, and tells him, that there is some likelihood in what I said; but it could be remedied.] *Inq.* Well, but Isaac, have you no inclination to be a good Christian, and to be in the right way of salvation? You are a man of age, and of reason, and have a family; it is time to think of your soul. *Mart.* My lord, I hope God will save me in the religion that I have been brought up in. I have no inclination to change my religion. Jesus Christ allows of no persecution. I hope, my lord, there is none here. *Inq.* No, Isaac, it is all voluntary. I would have you think upon it for the good of your soul, and of your family. Don't you believe in the holy father the pope, that he is infallible, and that he can absolve people from their sins? *Mart.* No, my lord, I believe that he is no more than another bishop; and can absolve no more than another clergyman can do. *Inq.* Don't you believe in purgatory? *Mart.* No, my lord, I believe in no such thing. *Inq.* What! don't you believe that there is a place called purgatory, where the souls of those that die are retained to be purified before they can go to heaven? *Mart.* No, my lord, I believe that the blood of Christ is sufficient to cleanse us from our iniquities. *Inq.* Poor man! you have been brought up in heresy and ignorance from your youthful days. I am sorry for you; you will find yourself mistaken when it is too late; you have time to consider upon it, and I would advise you to do it for your own good. Can you think of any thing else that you have done that they have sent you here for? *Mart.* No, my lord. I have had some few words with people; but I believe it is inconsistent with this affair. *Inq.* What words had you with the Spaniards at Malaga? *Mart.* My lord, at first, several desired me to speak the lingua for them, to help them to sell their goods to ships that came to load there, and I did; but there came so many that I could not do business for myself, so that I desired them to excuse me, and

to take some body else : but they still importuned me so, that I was obliged to tell them that I would trouble my head no more about their business, and that I had business enough of my own to mind : at which they would sometimes fall into a passion, and generally reflect upon my religion, which I could not bear at all times, so that we sometimes quarrelled very much. *Inq.* Very well, Isaac. Have you any thing else to say relating to your affair? *Mart.* My lord, I don't know what to say. *Inq.* Well, go to your dungeon, and think upon what you have done ; for it will be a great help to your releasement. I will do you what service I can ; but you must do what you can to serve yourself, and think upon what I have said to you.

I was called to audience three different times more about the same subject ; and he, still admonishing me to change my religion, gave me to understand, though he did not speak downright, that it was the only way to get out of my troubles, which made me very uneasy in my mind, seeing what he aimed at.

You must know, that the secretary writes in short hand what I answered to his demands.

A visit of one of the lords Inquisitors, Don Petro Leonor.

Don Fernando, the head gaol-keeper, one morning, told me, that I must get my dungeon very clean, put every thing under the bed, and dress myself as well as I could ; gave me some aniseed to throw in the fire, when I should hear him come again, with one of the lords of the Inquisition, who was to come to see me. Some time after, he came, and I threw the aniseed in the fire, to take away the stink of the dungeon. His lordship's name was Don Petro Leonor. He was the second inquisitor, and thus he began to speak to me, as if he had never heard talk of me.

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Inq. How do you? What is your name? *Mart.* My lord, my name is Isaac Martin. *Inq.* Well, is the gaol-keeper civil to you? Do you want for any thing? Have you your allowance? *Mart.* My lord, the gaol-keeper is very civil, and I believe that he allows me what is allowed; but if I had more I could eat it. [He speaks to the gaol-keeper, and asks him if he gave me my allowance; the gaol-keeper answers, that he did.] *Inq.* Well, then you have enough, [said he to me.] *Mart.* My lord, it is not that which troubles me, it is my being detained here. I can live upon the allowance, though it is short. *Inq.* Well, can I serve you in any thing? The secretary shall write it down. What have you to say? Tell me. *Mart.* My lord, I have nothing to say but what I have said. [You must know that there is always a secretary with them, who carries pen, ink and paper.] *Inq.* Hark ye, you have been brought up in heresy; it is a pity. You were all good people and good Christians in England till Henry the eighth came; and that was your first loss. Then came queen Elizabeth, and she was a very wicked woman, that every body knows; and here of late, you have had one, that you call king William; he had no religion; what he aimed at was to get the crown, and so you have been led away. [And thus he run on a long while.] *Mart.* My lord, I believe that king William lived and died as a good protestant Christian; and he received the sacrament from one of our bishops a little before he died. *Inq.* I am very well assured that he had no religion, for I read it in a French book; and as for your bishops and clergymen, they are a strange sort of men to marry and live such lives as they do. *Mart.* My lord, I believe they live very well. *Inq.* Hold your tongue, you know no better; you are here for the good of your soul. Now is a very good time for you to renounce that heresy which you have been brought up in, and to become a good Christian, as your forefathers were. You have time to think of it; there

is nothing to disturb you. Do you say your prayers sometimes? *Mart.* Yes, my lord, I say my prayers.

Inq. Very well; you must pray to God to enlighten you in the true faith of the church of Rome, without which no man can be saved. It has been said that you are a Jew, but I don't believe it, though you look something like one; but it does not go by looks always. It may be some of your relations formerly were Jews. *Mart.* My lord, I never heard that any of my relations were Jews; as for my looks at present, I believe they are like a Jew's or a Turk's. [Durst I to have spoken, I had told him that he looked like one, for his lordship had a tallow wainscotted look.]

Inq. Well, think what I have said to you for the good of your soul; and don't be hardened in your opinion, but believe what I say is for your good. You Englishmen mind eating and drinking, and your pleasures, more than religion. And so he went away, and glad was I to be rid of his visit.

Some days after Don Fernando told me I must go to the audience. Coming into the room, my lord began to speak to me thus.

Inq. Well, Isaac, have you any thing now to tell me relating to your affair? *Mart.* No, my lord, unless I tell you the same thing over again, and I believe it will not signify any thing. *Inq.* What, then you have nothing else to say, Isaac? *Mart.* No, my lord, I have nothing to say. [He rings a bell to call the gaol-keeper, and bids him call another secretary, which came with some writings in his hand, makes me sign what I had said in my examination; and orders the secretary to read aloud the papers that he had in his hand, which were my accusations. After that he spoke to me thus.]

Inq. Well, what have you to say for yourself? You have heard what you are accused of? *Mart.* My lord, there are some accusations that are true, and some are false. *Inq.* Can you answer to them all? *Mart.* Yes, my lord, one after another. *Inq.* So you shall; but you must take your oath that you will answer true, to the best of

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your remembrance. *Mart.* My lord, I will. [After he had given me my oath as before, he said.] *Inq.* Do you think that you know any of those people that have sent their accusations against you? *Mart.* My lord, I do know a great many, if not all. I wish your lordship would send for them, that I may see them face to face. *Inq.* There is no such thing practised here; don't be hasty; answer just, and declare the truth. *Mart.* So I will, my lord.

1. Accusation. That at your first coming to Malaga, you went and scolded at the school-master for teaching your children the Christian doctrine: telling him that you will teach them your religion; and that you sent them to school to learn to read and to write, and not religion.

Mart. My lord, I confess the truth. I hope your lordship requires nothing else. I did go to the school-master, and told him, that I sent my children to learn to read and write, and not to learn prayers; that I would have them brought up in my religion, and would teach them how to pray; but I did not scold at him. I believe, my lord, I have the liberty to bring up my children in my own faith, without being called to an account for it. *Inq.* No, since you live in a Christian country, you must let your children be brought up in the Christian faith. [Bid me hold my tongue; and bid the secretary write down what I had said, and that I was guilty in so doing.]

2. Acc. That at divers times it was remarked, that I did not pull my hat off, nor pay any homage to images, but turned my back to them.

Mart. My lord, in my religion we pay no respect to graven images. I profess myself to be a protestant, and it is against my conscience to bow to any; and am not obliged by articles of peace so to do. I believe your lordship knows what the word protestant means. *Inq.* You live in a country where people do so; and it gives ill examples if you don't do as the rest. Whether you believe it is proper or not, to do, you must do it. *Mart.* My lord, consider that I am an Eng-
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lish protestant, and that I have not the liberty of conscience, if I am obliged so to do. [He bids the secretary write down what I have said.]

3. Acc. You have said, walking in your room with an English captain, a heretic like yourself, that purgatory was but an invention of the church of Rome to get money; for there was one that could speak the language that heard you say so.

Mart. My lord, I can't remember every thing that I have said during four years time. It may be that I have said such a thing; but if I did, it was not to a Roman catholic. If there was one in the room that heard me say so he must be an Irishman, who was not very welcome there; for they come more to spy than for any thing else. *Inq.* Do you think that you know his name?

Mart. Yes, my lord, I believe his name is R. M.

Inq. But how came you to say such things in these countries? *Mart.* My lord, my religion admits of no purgatory, as I told you before, and being in my own house, amongst people of my own religion, not minding that Irishman, I believe I did say so.

Inq. Are you not sorry for having said so? *Mart.* My lord, if I have said amiss, I beg your lordship's pardon. *Inq.* To be sure, you ought not to speak so in these countries. Write down secretary, that the heretic begs pardon to the third accusation.

4. Acc. That going along with a person, he pulled his hat off to a crucifix; and you asked him for what reason he pulled off his hat? He told you, to the crucifix; and you answered him, we have no such thing in our country, and went away without pulling off your hat.

Mart. My lord, I remember the time very well, it is very true. I never pulled off my hat to a crucifix, unless they are carried in procession, and then I used to pull it off; but not in respect to the image, but to cause no scandal. *Inq.* Don't you find yourself in a fault for so doing? For if every body should do so, the Christian religion would fall and come to nothing.

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of peace between my king and the king of Spain, there were such things mentioned, that English protestants were obliged to pay homage to all the crucifixes, images and saints; I should reckon myself guilty; but as there is no such thing, I reckon myself no ways guilty, and desire your lordship to try me by the articles of peace, that I may know whether I am guilty or not.

5. *Acc.* That you have spoken several times against the church of Rome, disputing of religion, and had been admonished several times to embrace our holy faith, without which no man can be saved; but you never would give ear to it.

Mart. My lord, at my first arrival in the Inquisition, you granted me, that a man might defend his religion; it is what I have done. As for being admonished to change it, it has happened very often; but I have no inclination to change. *Inq.* Could not you defend your religion without speaking against the church of Rome? *Mart.* My lord, I can't tell how to do that; for in disputing, as people spoke against my religion I spoke against theirs, and gave proof of scripture for what I said. *Inq.* Hold your tongue with your scripture; there are other things beside scripture that you must believe that are revealed to the church. You are in the wrong; you must take care what you say in these countries. It was for the good of your soul that you were admonished; and I would have you consider of it at present, for your own good.

6. *Acc.* That being aboard an English ship with your wife, and others in company, a certain person, of the female sex, was admonishing your wife to be a good Christian, and to change her religion; and you bid her hold her tongue and mind her own religion, and not trouble herself to make converts; and you scolded at her very much. It was on a Friday, and you eat meat. Do you remember that, Isaac?

Mart. Yes, my lord, we were very merry drinking of Florence and punch, and that woman was always talk-
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ing of religion to my wife, though she hardly knew what she said, and at best knew but little of the matter. I desired her to be quiet, and told her we did not come abroad to talk of religion, but to be merry; which she, continuing to talk of, made us all very uneasy, so that I bid her hold her tongue, and mind her own religion; and so we quarrelled. As for eating meat of a Friday, I generally do, and so did she, though she is a Roman catholic. *Inq.* You are in the wrong; that woman gave good advice to your wife, and might have converted her if it had not been for you; but I suppose that you don't care that she should be a Christian; you will have her remain as she is. *Mart.* My lord, I hope she is a Christian already, and has no mind to change her religion. *Inq.* If it was not for you your family would be all good Christians, but you hinder them. Write down, secretary, what the heretic says.

7. Acc. That being in company with some English heretic captains at a church, there were some people kneeling and praying to the image of the virgin Mary, and the captains asked you if they prayed to the image, to which you answered, Yes; that they were brought up in that way of worshipping from their infancy, and that they knew no better, being brought up in ignorance.

Mart. My lord, I have been divers times walking with captains; I don't remember this particular time; it may be that some body heard me say so; but I am sure I spoke English, and it must be an Irishman that heard me say so. *Inq.* You think that no body understands what you say; but you are mistaken, and people hearing you talk so, may believe that they are brought up in ignorance, and not in the right way. *Mart.* My lord, I did not say it designedly to make them believe so, neither did I know that any body understood me, but those captains that are of the same religion as I am; if I have said amiss, I beg your lordship's pardon. It was

was through ignorance, not knowing that such things might not be said in these countries. *Inq.* You have more malice than ignorance in what you say. You know too much of what you should not know, and you won't know what you should know. Do you beg pardon of this holy tribunal for having said so? *Mart.* Yes, my lord, if I have said amiss. [He speaks to the secretary, shaking his head, Write down what the heretic says; I wish begging pardon may do.]

8. *Acc.* That being a walking with several merchants, the holy host passed by, they all pulled off their hats, and some kneeled down, but you did not so much as pull your hat off, which caused a great scandal; inasmuch, that some people had a mind to stab you, for seeing you so irreverent in a Christian country.

Mart. My lord, it is false. I have lived several years in Roman countries, and know that by articles of peace I am obliged to have my hat off, and during my living at Malaga I always took care to cause no scandal. But for bowing or kneeling I did not, nor am obliged to it, for it is against our religion. As for people stabbing me, I have run those hazards many a time upon the account of my religion. *Inq.* But these people would not accuse you if it was not true. *Mart.* My lord, they accuse me of being a Jew, must that be true? I wish your lordship would let me see my accusers; for whilst I am here, they may accuse me of murder, and I must answer to a thing that I know nothing of. I don't understand this way of justice; let the secretary write down what you please. *Inq.* Don't you be in a passion, Isaac. *Mart.* My lord, it is very hard to be accused of things that one knows nothing of. In other courts one sees their accusers. I don't understand this way of justice, my lord. It signifies nothing to me to make any defence; let your secretary write what you please. *Inq.* I believe you don't understand this justice; but you deny the accusation, don't you? *Mart.* Yes, my lord, I do, for it is false.

9. Acc. You have been threatened divers times with the pope's authority in these countries; and you have said that you did not value him, and that he had no authority over you.

Mart. My lord, it is true, I have said so. *Inq.* How came you to say so? Don't you value the holy father, which is God on earth? *Mart.* My lord, talking with some people, which were very troublesome about religion, they have threatened me with the pope's authority; and being an English protestant, not belonging to the church of Rome, I thought that he had nothing to do with me. *Inq.* What! Then you value no body. *Mart.* I beg your lordship's pardon. I value all mankind as being fellow-creatures. I value the pope as bishop of Rome, but not for what authority he has over me, for I believe he has none. *Inq.* You are mistaken, Isaac. Who is the head of your church? *Mart.* My lord, I see to my sorrow that I was mistaken. Christ Jesus is the head of our church. *Inq.* What! Then you allow no head upon earth? *Mart.* No, my lord. *Inq.* Hold your tongue, you are an unbeliever; he is God upon earth.

10. Acc. That being a walking with some captains of ships, there was a procession going by, and you bid them to retire, and not to mind it, though it was their design to see it, but you hindered them out of disrespect to it.

✓ *Mart.* My lord, processions are very frequent in Malaga. I have oftentimes been in company with captains that never were in Roman countries, and they not knowing that people went there for devotion, would laugh, and some would not pull their hats off; so that I often bid them retire, to cause no scandal; I hope there is no harm in that, my lord. *Inq.* Have you no respect for our processions? *Mart.* My lord, living in a Roman country, that I might cause no scandal, I used to pull off my hat, but not in respect to the images that were there.

11. Acc. That the procession went by, and all the people kneeled down, and worshipped, and you stood with your hat on and took no notice of it, which caused a great scandal.

Mart. My lord, I remember nothing of the accusation, but I believe it is false; and if I did not pull my hat off, it was because the host was not there: but for kneeling or bowing, as I told your lordship before, I never do. Your lordship tries me as if I was a Roman; I am a protestant. I gave a small account of my religion to your lordship at my first coming; if I was a Roman I should be guilty. *Inq.* Well, but though you have the liberty to live in these Christian countries, you have not the liberty to do what you please. *Mart.* My lord, I hope that English protestants have liberty of conscience in these countries, by articles of peace, or else they would not live here. The Spaniards are not molested in England upon the account of their religion. *Inq.* You ought to conform yourself to the country that you live in.

12. Acc. That being in your house, an English captain speaking to you, asked you if you was a Jew, and you fell a laughing, and said, that you did not value what such scandalous people said; that you was ready to give an account of your religion.

Mart. It is true, my lord, I little valued what such scandalous people said, and was always ready to give an account of my faith; and little thought I should be sent here to be examined, to know whether I was a Jew or no; there are clergymen enough at Malaga. *Inq.* This is the properest place to be examined, and it is no laughing matter in this country to bear the name of a Jew. *Mart.* My lord, before I came to Malaga I had lived in several parts of Spain and Portugal. I knew that Jews are not allowed to live in those countries, and are burnt if they don't change their religion, if taken up by the Inquisition. Had I been a Jew I should not come here to live with a wife and four children to run these hazards. I believe

believe your lordship knows very well that I am a Jew!

Inq. Your name is Isaac, and your forefathers Abraham, and you say that you are no Jew! *Mart.* Those names signify nothing, my lord. I thank God I am a good Christian, and hope to have a share in the merit of that precious blood that Christ has shed upon the cross, for the redemption of mankind, and hope to die in the same faith.

13. *Acc.* That you never gave any thing to those that beg for the souls that are in purgatory, but huffed them, sending them to the devil.

Mart. My lord, it is true, but he does not mention the reason why I did so. *Inq.* Well, let us hear; but speak the truth; how was it? *Mart.* My lord, the person that comes to beg, knows me very well to be a protestant; he comes generally every night at my door. I often desired of him to excuse me; that I gave no alms for the souls that are in purgatory; but the more I excused myself the more he insisted; insomuch that he called me heretic dog, telling me that I was damn'd, and should go to the devil. I refrained as much as I could speaking to him; but at last gave him as good as he brought. I allow myself that I was to blame in putting myself in a passion with such a man, but one is not master of one's self at all times; and though I lived in a Roman country, I don't think that I am obliged to take all the abuses that I have received upon the account of my religion. I have given sometimes alms to people that asked me in a civil way, but not to pray for souls departed. *Inq.* What! Then you don't believe there is a purgatory? *Mart.* No, my lord, I don't believe there is any such thing. *Inq.* Have you declared the truth? *Mart.* Yes, my lord. *Inq.* Well, hold your tongue, say no more.

14. *Acc.* That people being in company, have heard you say that you feared no justice; and they asked you if you did not fear the Inquisition, and you answered, No; that you were no Jew nor Roman catholic,

Catholic, that you was an English Protestant; and that the inquisition had nothing to do with you. *Mart.* My lord, I have oftentimes said so. *Inq.* What, are you under no laws, because you are an Englishman? *Mart.* My lord, an honest man fears no justice. I know, that let me live where I will, I am subject to the civil laws of the country; but I did not believe the ecclesiastical law, as I suppose you call this, had any power over English Protestants. *Inq.* You think, that because you are an English Protestant, you may say or do what you please. This is a country where people must take a great deal of care what they say. *Mart.* My lord, I lived such a life at Malaga, that I feared no justice; if I have said amiss, I beg your Lordship's pardon. *Inq.* Do you beg pardon of the holy office, for what you have said? *Mart.* My lord, if I have said amiss, I beg pardon. *Inq.* Secretary, write down that the heretic begs pardon to that accusation; I wish it may do.

15th Acc. That you have had Jews in your house, without giving notice to the commissioner of the Inquisition, that they might be taken up, and prosecuted according to the laws of the country. How durst you to do such things? Do you remember any such things?

Mart. Yes, My Lord, I do very well. *Inq.* Let us hear what you have to say for yourself? *Mart.* My Lord, there came a ship bound for Leghorn, that had a passenger that came to my house. He spoke very good Spanish; and I believe, by his looks, he was a Jew. He stayed with his captain about two hours at my house. I never saw him before nor since; he might be a Christian, for what I knew; but being bound for Leghorn, and speaking good Spanish, I thought he was a Jew. That is all that I know of the man. God knows what religion he was of. *Inq.* Do you know the person that has sent his accusation against you? *Mart.* Yes, my lord, his name is A. H. a man of a sorry character.

16th Acc. That it is confirmed by several people, that the said heretic, Isaac Martin, during his living at Malaga, has, at divers times, shown himself very disaffected against the holy faith of the church of Rome, and has hindered some people from embracing it; and, had it not been for the sake of his family, he had been murdered long ago; and we recommend him to your holy office, as a dangerous and pernicious man against the holy faith of the church of Rome, and as one of its greatest enemies; and a great many report, that he is a Jew. We desire your holy tribunal will examine him, with a great deal of strictness, according to the custom of your holy office; and give him such chastisement as your lordships shall think fit, as well in body, as in chastels.

Inq. Well, what have you to say for yourself? See what a character people give you? Sure, you are a very wicked man! *Mart.* My lord, I suppose these are very good Christians that give me this character! God knows best what to do with them. There is none of them that can say, that I have wronged any body at Malaga. I have always professed myself to be a Protestant; and for that reason, and no other, I have been brought here. I hope God will enable me to go through these afflictions. I am very well assured; that your lordship knows that I am no Jew. As for what character they give me, God knows best whether I deserve it or no. I have answered, to your examination, the truth, to the best of my remembrance; and I believe your lordship knows it to be so; and knows, that those people which informed against me, are but people of a very indifferent character, who have always envied me, ever since I lived at Malaga. *Inq.* Most of your accusers are your countrymen. Sure, they would not speak against you, if it was not so! *Mart.* My lord, those whom you reckon my countrymen, are the worst enemies I have. I deny them for countrymen. They are Irish. It is true that Ireland belongs to the crown

crown of England; but these people have deserted from our army, and are enemies to my religion, king, and country, and the worst that an English Protestant can have abroad. I wonder, my lord, that there is never a merchant, or a man of any good repute, that has declared any thing against me. *Inq.* Hold your tongue. Do you think that I will believe all you say? To be sure, you have been a very wicked man, by what is mentioned here; and you deny a great many things, and are so malicious, that you give what turn you please to things. I have heard of you four years ago. You are a fly man. But we have tortures to make people speak the truth, if they do not. *Mart.* My lord, you may do what you please with me. I cannot help myself. Your lordship knows that I have declared the truth. *Inq.* You shall have a lawyer to defend your cause; but I believe it is very bad. [The lawyer is called in; my lord tells him that I am a strong heretic; that he has examined me; that I deny a great many things of which I am accused. He bids him write to Malaga, to know what they say of me: tells him that my case is very bad, but might be remedied; but I would not.] Go, you are guilty. You may repent of what you have said, if you do not take care. Sign these papers, which is what you confess. [The lawyer said yea, and nay, to what my lord said, and spoke not a word to me, nor I to him; so I went away to my dungeon.]

Don Fernando had oftentimes told me, that if I would go to audience, I might, if I desired it. Finding that I was a fortnight without being called, I told him, that I desired audience; which was granted me two or three days afterwards. Coming into the room, my Lord begun thus.

Inq. Well, Isaac, What have you to say in your defence? You have demanded audience. *Mart.* My lord, I have nothing to say, but what I have said already. I come to beg the favour of your lordship to

dispatch me. I believe you have done examining of me. I remember, that they desired your lordship to chastise me in body and wealth. I believe that my body has been chastised enough, in suffering what I have suffered; and to be locked up in a dark dungeon, by myself, where I am used worse than a dog. As for what wealth God has given me, your lordship is welcome to it. If I am such a bad man, as people report, fetter me, and send me, with my family, aboard any ship; let her be bound where she will, God will provide for us. *Inq.* Hold, hold, Isaac, things are not done so soon as you think for. You have broken the articles of peace, by your own confession. *Mart.* My lord, I am very sorry if I have. I desire your lordship would shew them to me; that I may know in what I am guilty. *Inq.* I have them. You shall see them another time. There is a great deal to be said in your affair. Have you any thing else to say? *Mart.* No, My lord, I desire to be tried by them. You was pleased to tell me, that you would quickly dispatch me. *Inq.* Go, go to your dungeon, and think upon what you have done.

When I came to my dungeon, I was resolved to ask for no more audience; and wondered that such a man, who sits upon a throne betwixt two crucifixes, attributing to himself holiness and infallibility, should tell me so many lies; and found that there was no way of redemption, but by praying to God, to give me strength to overcome the miseries that I was in, and in his mercy, to deliver me from their hands.

Some days after, Don Joseph Equarez, the third inquisitor, came with a secretary to my dungeon, and thus he begun.

Inq. How do you do, Isaac? Have you any thing to say in your defence? Can I serve you in any thing? Tell me. *Mart.* My lord, I have nothing to say, but what I have said already. I think it is very hard to be kept here so long. *Inq.* Hark ye, you think, you

you Englishmen, that we aim at your wealth; but you are mistaken: there is no such thing. You have confessed, that you did not pull your hat off at our images. You ought to do it, living in these Christian countries, whether you believe in them or no; for it shews ill examples, if you do not. *Mart.* My lord, we Protestants never do such things; it is against our religion and against our conscience so to do. *Inq.* You must all do it in this country, and it is a thing that ought to be done. See if I can serve you in any thing? *Mart.* If your lordship would be pleased to get me out of this misery, I should be very much obliged to you. *Inq.* There is time for all things. You have been brought up in heresy; you are here for the good of your soul; you must enlighten yourself in the true faith. I will do you all the service I can. Have you any thing else to say? *Mart.* My lord, I hope to be saved in the faith that I am in. *Inq.* Well, think upon what I have said to you. Fare you well.

DESCRIPTION of the INQUISITION of GRANADA.

In my dismal solitude, having no comfort of the world but to see Don Fernando and Don Baltazar, when they came to light my lamp mornings and nights, I studied, as much as I could, to get into their favour, that I might have some small comfort in speaking to them. They were both pretty civil in their way; but especially Don Fernando, who told me, he had been a passenger aboard an English ship, and the captain was very civil to him; and that he loved the English very well; that he would do me all the service that he could; bidding me to take patience; that he believed my case was not mortal; and he believed, that if I would change my religion, I should soon be at liberty: that he thought I was wise enough to see what I was there for; that the holy Inquisition had a mind to make me a good

Christian. I told him, that I thought their lordships aimed at that; but it was a thing that I could not do; that it was against my conscience; and I desired him to let me have as much of his conversation as he could. He told me, that he was not allowed to talk to the prisoners, but would come now and then to talk a little to me; which he did sometimes, opening the close door, and through the grated one, we used to talk together for two or three minutes; which was a great deal of satisfaction to me in my dismal solitude. I aimed to learn of him what I could, relating to the secrets of the Inquisition. But as they are sworn to keep secret the ways they have, I could get but little out of him.

The Inquisition is like a palace, till you open the doors of the dungeons; and then it looks very dismal. It is built much in the same manner as a convent, with galleries all round it. There are dungeons on the ground floor, up one pair of stairs, and up two pair of stairs, all in the same nature. They are about fifteen foot long, and ten in breadth; two doors to each dungeon, well bolted, and well locked; light enough to see to read, in some parts where the light gives. There are three lords Inquisitors; but there is but one that examines at an audience. They have their apartments in the Inquisition. There are five secretaries, two gaol-keepers, which receive salary from the king. The king names the Inquisitors, and the pope confirms them. Don Baltazar, the under-gaol-keeper, told me, there were about a hundred dungeons, and each person is in one by himself. The prisoners are let out but one at a time, to fetch their allowance, or to throw out their dirt, which is twice a week each, and then they are locked up. Every prisoner is allowed five pence halfpenny a day, English coin, for all necessaries. The gaol-keeper comes and asks you twice a week, what you will have to eat or to drink, as far as it would go. I was allowed between four and five pound of bread a week;

a week; two pound and a quarter of meat, which I used to make six boilings of; and on a Friday, boiled some bread with a little oil and greens together for my dinner. I was best provided with wine; for I had about six pints of our measure per week. Greens I had plenty to put in my pot. I had at breakfast a piece of bread, as big as a couple of eggs, a glass of wine and a glass of water mixed together, and at supper the same; but at dinner I had always my six ounces of meat (except Fridays) and a great deal of greens boiled along with it; so that my belly was pretty full at dinner. The first day my meat was sweet; but the second it smelt, and the third it stunk, and was green in summer-time: but I used to eat it, having nothing else. At first I thought it very hard to be reduced to such an allowance, having lived in plenty; but sometime after I was used to it; but grew very lean, though, I thank God, I enjoyed my health almost all the time I was there.

The Inquisitors are respected by every body; but more for fear than for love. They all keep their coaches. I asked Don Fernando one day, if the prisoners were kept long there; for I had heard that they were kept sometimes ten years; to which he answered, ten is nothing, for sometimes they are kept twenty and thirty years, and sometimes three or four before they are examined. Hearing these words I was troubled very much, so that I was afraid to ask him any thing else at that time. The prisoners are allowed earthen plates, and pipkins, and an earthen stove to light fire in; pitchers to hold water, three baskets to put their bread and necessaries in, a wooden spoon, a broom, and a basin to do what one has occasion in. There are no shelves nor tables allowed, nor any thing to sit upon but some boards, that are fastened in the wall which your bed is upon. You are allowed no knife nor fork; so that they are obliged to part their meat with their teeth and fingers as well as they can. I had heard, many years be-

fore. I was taken up, that they gave meat without bones to the prisoners that were in the Inquisition; but to my sorrow, when I came there, I found the contrary: for sometimes out of six ounces, I believe, I had but three or four of meat. The prisoners are not allowed books, pen, ink, nor paper; and if they are there ever so many years, they can never hear from their family or relations. They are not allowed to hear sermons, or mass, nor to take the sacrament; and if they pray, it must be so softly that no body can hear them, upon pain of being chastised.

I was one day singing to myself very softly, thinking no body heard me, the sixth psalm, which was very *à propos* for the condition I was in; but Don Fernando came and threatened me, and bid me hold my tongue. I asked his pardon, and I found it out afterwards, that they walked softly, to hear if the prisoners made any noise, or spoke one to another. They are so secret in their ways, that several friends and relations may be in the same Inquisition, and not know of it.

If a person dies there, he is buried without any ceremony: but he is allowed to confess to a priest before he dies. If after he is dead he is found guilty, his bones are brought in a box to be burnt, when the *Auto da Fé* is celebrated, when they deliver people out of the Inquisition, to receive the punishment to which they have been condemned. The prisoners are not to know their accusers, nor what they are accused of; they must guess it, and accuse themselves: and if they do not, they torture them to make them confess; and by these violences many are made to confess things that they were never guilty of, in order to confiscate what they are worth in the world, which they take care to have in their own hands; for when they seize a person, they seize all that he has. His family may starve; they do not mind that. And if the person should complain, after they have made him take the oath to keep the secret, and not

to discover what has been done to him during the time he was in the Inquisition, if they find it out, and retake him, he is burnt, or sent to the gallies, without remission; for having complained against the Inquisition, after he had confessed he was guilty: so that people, to save their lives, very often confess what they are not guilty of; and when they have got out of their hands, though they have suffered the torture, and lost what they had, are obliged to say, that the holy Inquisition is just, for fear of being retaken. Thus it happens very often, that people are accused of being Jews who were very good Christians; and, by being tortured, confess they are Jews, though they never were; and by confessing, they save their lives, though they lose what they are worth in the world. Others rather chuse to suffer death. There have been frequent instances of persons, who have declared at the place of execution, that they died Christians, and never were Jews; and hoped that Christ would have mercy on them; for they chose rather to die than to deny the Christian faith. But when any person dies in the Roman faith, he has the benefit of being strangled, before he is put in the flames.

I could recollect a great many such examples, which I have heard from Roman Catholics themselves, who complain of that way of justice, but durst not speak it publicly for fear of being taken up. It is certain that there is not such a court in the world, nor any that takes such titles as they do; for they call themselves the Holy Tribunal of the Inquisition, the Holy House, the Holy Office, and do what they please under the name of justice; and people are obliged to speak well of it, and to say that they are infallible, though a great many in their hearts believe the contrary, and know, by woeful experience, that their families and themselves have been ruined by them, but durst not complain: for there are so many familiars belonging to them, that give
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them an account of what they hear say, that people are forced to keep silence.

The word familiar means properly a spy or informer, who gives an account to the Inquisition of what they hear and what they see. It is a place of business, but of little benefit; except in one thing, that is, if they owe money, no body dares to touch them. There are of all sorts of them, from a duke to a workman, and when the Inquisition has a mind to take up any body, they give them orders to do it, and they can command who they please to assist them; for no body dares refuse, upon pain of being taken up themselves; so great is the power of the Inquisition.

I asked Don Fernando one day, how many familiars he thought might belong to the Inquisition of Granada? He told me, he could not very well tell, but he believed there might be about a thousand in all, beside commissioners and secretaries, which are in less number, but spread all over the country, as well as familiars.

There are several Inquisitions in Spain; but the chief is at Madrid, and by what I could learn by Don Fernando, they all give an account, in some measure, of what they do, to the Inquisition of Madrid. I asked Don Fernando another time, whether they put people of quality in the Inquisition? He told me, that the King was subject to it, and that the Inquisition was above him, and that there was a bishop in a little while ago. I asked him for what? He told me, that he had committed some errors in the holy faith. I was allowed a lawyer to defend my cause; but he was not allowed to speak to me, nor I to him.

The holy tribunal, as they call it, is almost as large as our house of parliament, where the lords sit, very finely adorned with pictures. There is also a fine altar: the throne is garnished with red velvet. There are three very fine armed chairs where the Inquisitors sit;

fit; behind them there is a large crucifix, embroidered with gold; at the right-hand of it is the triple crown, and the cross keys under it; and at the left-hand a naked sword, and the king's arms under it, all finely embroidered upon red velvet, with gold and silver. The table is also covered with red velvet, with a crucifix upon it, about two foot high, of gold or silver gilded: the secretary sits at the end of the table, and the prisoner fronting the two crucifixes, and my lord. There is a large silver standish, and some silver bells upon the table, to call the secretaries or the gaol-keepers; for there must no voices be heard.

After I had been there about thirteen weeks, I was called to audience again, which rejoiced me very much, thinking that now I should know my doom. When I came into the room, my lord begun thus.

Inq. Well, Isaac, have you thought of any thing else in your affair, beside what you have already declared? *Mart.* No, my lord, I have nothing to say, unless I repeat what I have said already; I believe it will signify nothing. *Inq.* Here are several more accusations come against you, that you must answer to.

Mart. It is very well, my lord. I will answer to them as well as I can. [He reads them over, and I believe there were as many again as before; some I have set down here that I remember.] *Inq.* Well, Isaac, what have you to say now?

Mart. My lord, this is the same thing over again, only the accusations are something altered and misplaced. I can quickly answer to them; and as for those that are added to them, they are almost all false, and the devil has invented them. *Inq.* Hold, Isaac, you talk strangely.

Mart. My lord, I speak the truth. Your lordship was pleased to tell me, at my first coming, that you would dispatch me very soon. I have been here above three months, and am no likelier to get out than the first day. *Inq.* Hold, hold; do you think that justice is done here, as in your country, at ran-

dom, and I don't know how? Here things are well

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examined, and justice is done as it ought to be done; *Mart.* My lord, I believe we have good justice done in England; but I beg your lordship's pardon, I do not understand this way of justice. *Inq.* I believe you do not. It is no matter. Remember that you are upon your oath, and answer to these articles.

Mart. Must I answer to them that I have answered already? *Inq.* Yes, you must; and take care what you say. *Mart.* It is very well, my lord. [I quickly ran over them, and then he began with the fresh ones.]

17th Acc. That I hindered my family from being brought up in the Christian faith; and that if it was not for me, they would be all Romans, and it is against the laws of the country to hinder them.

Mart. My lord, it is false that my family had any inclination to be Romans; neither can any laws oblige them to be so, or hinder me from bringing them up in my religion. Your lordship, five weeks ago, told me, that you would shew me the articles of peace, and that I had broke them; pray let me see them, my lord. *Inq.* You shall see them another time. Answer to these articles. *Mart.* My lord, all my family are as I am. I could never perceive that they had a mind to change their religion. *Inq.* What! Do you deny this Accusation? *Mart.* Yes, my lord, I do. It is all false.

18th Acc. That I used to shut my window-shutters when the procession went by, to hinder my children from kneeling down; and used to beat them, if they shewed any inclination to be Roman Catholics.

Mart. My lord, it is true that I have shut my shutters several times; for sometimes I have had captains of ships in my house, that would not pull their hats off when they saw them. As for my children, they went to the window generally to laugh, and I oftentimes bid them not to shew themselves when they went by, that no scandal might be given. And if I had beat them, as it is said, I believe that I have

have the liberty to do it, if I please. *Inq.* No, you have not, in some cases. How old are your children? *Mart.* One is fifteen, the other is eight, and the other is five years of age. *Inq.* They are of age to be brought up in the Christian faith. *Mart.* I hope they are, my lord; but as for the two youngest, they can be brought up to any religion. *Inq.* Your daughter, and your son Abraham, are of age; and you are but their father-in-law. They may be brought up in the Christian faith. You have nothing to do with them. *Mart.* My lord, I hope that they are Christians, and I look upon them as if they were my own children. *Inq.* So that you would have them brought up in your religion? *Mart.* Yes, my lord.

19th Acc. That my daughter being of age, had often said in the neighbourhood, that she would be a Roman Catholic; but she was afraid that I should beat her if I knew of it; and that I had oftentimes beat her upon that account.

Mart. My lord, I have nothing to answer to such lies. It is as false as the devil is false. *Inq.* What! Have you nothing to say, Isaac, to this article? *Mart.* No, my lord, I never knew my daughter inclinable to be a Roman; and I never did beat her upon that account; it is all false; and you may order your secretary to write down what you please.

20th Acc. That in Lent, and other fast-days, I caused my family to eat meat, and forbid them to keep any fast-days that were appointed by the church of Rome; and beat them if they did.

Mart. My lord, those are poor accusations, and they are all false. I thank God, my table afforded flesh and fish all the year round: I never troubled my head to see what the servants used to eat; and as for my wife and children, we eat meat all the year, without scruple of conscience, your lordship knows that. *Inq.* You English mind nothing but eating and drinking, and living at your ease, without doing
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we have souls to be saved as well as other nations.

We are born in a plentiful country; and, I believe,

we live as well as any nation, and serve God as well.

Inq. Your country was a good country formerly; it

produced a great many saints: but now it produces

no such thing. *Mart.* My lord, I believe, there are

no saints now; but I am persuaded it produces as

many good men as ever it did. *Inq.* Hold your

tongue. You are all lost men. You are fallen from

the holy church, and there is no salvation for you if

you do not come into it again.

1st Acc. That my children had often been at

mass, and at prayers, in the neighbourhood, and

would do it every day if I would let them; but I

beat them, and hindered them from being Chris-

tians, and was the occasion of losing of their souls.

Mart. My lord, I never knew my children go to

mass, nor prayers, in the neighbourhood, nor ever

beat them upon that account. I hope God will save

their souls in the religion they are brought up in,

though the church of Rome condemns them; and

the accusation is false. *Inq.* Why! you deny every

thing almost. *Mart.* I deny nothing but what is

false, my lord. *Inq.* Well, but you may forget,

Isaac. *Mart.* No, my lord, I have nothing else to

think of; and I do think that these are very insigni-

ficant articles to allege against me, if they were as

they say; but they are false, and I believe, they

are scandalous people that have invented them.

Inq. Hold your tongue. How durst you speak so?

Mart. It is very well, my Lord. Let your secretary

write down any thing, what you please; it is all false.

22d Acc. That living at Lisbon, I had several

disputes about religion. That I hid myself for fear

of being taken up by the Inquisition, as being a

Jew.—Come answer, What have you to say to

this article? It is of consequence.

Mart.

Mart. My lord, let your secretary write down what you please; I have nothing to answer to such scandalous reports. God knows that I am no Jew, and your lordship knows it very well. The devil has invented this to frighten me; but God, that knows every thing, will revenge my cause. *Inq.*

Well, but Isaac, you see what they write against you, and all your family's names are antient, and of the Mosaical law. *Mart.* My lord, you have oftentimes reflected upon my name being Isaac, and my son's name being Abraham; but you do not talk of a child that I buried at Malaga, whose name was Peter, and one that I have, whose name is Bernard; they are saints' names. *Inq.* Those are all Christian names.

Mart. And so are the others, my lord. We do not mind whether we give our children names out of the Old or New Testament. Beside, my lord, neither Abraham, nor Isaac, nor Jacob, were Jews. *Inq.* Yes,

they were Jews. Sure you are mistaken. *Mart.* I beg your lordship's pardon, I am not mistaken. *Inq.* What were they then? Let us hear. *Mart.* My lord,

they were Hebrews; they lived under the law of nature, as God inspired and spoke to them; but were dead many hundred years before God had given his laws to Moses. *Inq.* Hold your tongue. Methinks you understand something of the Mosaical laws.

Mart. My lord, thank God, I understand some of the Old and some of the New Law; but not so much as I should. We have always the Old and the New Testament in our families; and we read in them, to instruct us in our religion. *Inq.* Hold your tongue;

you give a wrong sense to scripture. Your knowing so much has brought you here. You had better know less, and believe the true faith. *Mart.* My lord, I hope to be saved in what I believe: and if at Lisbon I was disputing of religion, it was not defending the laws of Moses; for several Jews were burnt, whilst I was there. Therefore, my lord, it

proves

proves that the accusation is false, and that I would not run such hazards.

23d Acc. That I bred schisms among the people, persuading them to turn heretics, and to leave the church of Rome ; out of which no man can be saved.

Mart. I wish your Lordship, or any body else, would tell me who I persuaded to change their religion. You may accuse me of any thing : hell cannot invent greater lies. I cannot think, my lord, who could have sent such accusations against me. When I talked of religion, it was generally with clergymen, and not with common people ; for I knew that they are not allowed to talk of religion, and they are not capable of it, and know but little of the matter. *Inq.* They know enough ; it is believing that saves us, and you will not believe, but deny almost every article. Hold your tongue.

24th Acc. That my name being Isaac, and my son's name Abraham, I must be a Jew, or related to Jews.

Mart. My lord, I have sufficiently answered upon this matter : this is nothing but repetitions. The Roman Catholics which are in Holland and Flanders, do not much mind whether their children have names out of the Old, or out of the New Testament. And I know a man at Malaga, who is a Flanderkin, and a Roman Catholic, whose name is Jacob. As for my parents, I never knew any of them Jews ; let your secretary write what you please.

25th Acc. That I had offered to dispose of my house, and to retire for fear of being taken up by the Inquisition.

Mart. My lord, it is true, that I offered to dispose of my house ; but not for fear of the Inquisition : for I never thought that they had any thing to do with English Protestants. If I had been afraid of it, I would not have come to live in this country. I had opportunities enough to go aboard of English ships, and retire, if I had been afraid. *Inq.* What, then

Then you thought the Inquisition had nothing to do with English Protestants? You are mistaken. *Mart.* My lord, I see I am, to my sorrow. *Inq.* What did you design to do, after that you had disposed of your house? *Mart.* My lord, to go to my own country; for I was tired of living abroad, especially at Malaga, where I could have no rest, but was daily affronted on account of my religion. *Inq.* You have a tongue, that you made use of to defend yourself. *Mart.* My lord, I could not always bear their insolences; but I find they have accomplished their design. *Inq.* Well, hold your tongue, you may help yourself still, if you will.

26th Acc. That you was always making game of the religion of the church of Rome. Well, what have you to say to that?

Mart. My lord, I do not deny, that being in company with some Roman Catholics, as they made game of my religion, I made game of theirs; but it was joking, and not in a profane way. *Inq.* Religion ought not to be mocked. *Mart.* It is very true, my lord; but I never scandalized them, as they did me, upon the account of my religion. *Inq.* What did they use to say to you? Let us hear? *Mart.* My lord, you know that the church of Rome does not allow the heretics (as you call them) to be saved. In our faith, we have charity for all men; we condemn no body. I have oftentimes been told, that I and my family were damned, and that it was impossible for us to be saved. My lord, it is very hard to hear such words, so often as I have: I have sometimes given them an answer that they did not like; for I could not always bear what they said. I hope to be saved, through God's mercy, as well as they do. *Inq.* So, you say, that when they made game of your religion, you made game of theirs; is not that what you say? *Mart.* Yes, my lord. *Inq.* Well, hold your tongue; you are a fly man; you give what turn you please to things, and deny almost every thing:
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you will repent of this, if you do not take care; we have ways to make people confess when they will not. Sign these papers, which are the articles you have confessed, and what you deny. But I will not believe you. I have heard of you a long while ago, and know now that you are a cunning pernicious man against the holy catholic faith. *Mart.* My lord, I find that all my defences signify nothing. You have oftentimes bid me defend my cause, and when I would have defended it more than I have, you have often bid me hold my tongue, for you will not believe what I say. I have declared the truth to the best of my knowledge; do with me what you please. I hope God will deliver me from the misery I am in. He knows that I have confessed the truth, and your lordship knows it very well too. *Inq.* Hold your tongue, and say no more. [In comes the lawyer, and sits down. My lord speaks.]

Well, feignor lawyer, I have examined this heretic again; he answers much as he did before: but denies almost all the new articles. I hope you writ to Malaga, that there might be an exact account taken of his life and conversation during the time he lived there. *Law.* Yes, My lord, I did. *Inq.* He has been brought up in heresy; I believe we shall make nothing of him: he follows the steps of Luther and Calvin, who are burning in hell fire, with abundance of their followers. [The secretary and the lawyer spake thus, *To be sure, they are all damned.*] *Mart.* I hope they are not, my lords. *Inq.* Hold your tongue, they are; and every body that does not believe in the holy church of Rome. Are not you sorry for what you have said, during your living at Malaga? *Mart.* My lord, in what I have said amiss, I am sorry for it. Pray tell me, my lord, if the people who have accused me are all upon their oath? *Inq.* Most of them are; they would not say a thing that is not. *Mart.* My lord, it is very well; God is just, and he will be even with them. *Inq.* Well, hold

hold your tongue; you beg pardon of this holy tribunal for what you are guilty of, and desire to be used with that mercy and clemency as is accustomed in this holy office. Is not that what you mean? *Mart.* Yes, my lord, what you please. He shook his head, and said I wish that may do; get you gone to your dungeon.

I had been there about four months, and had had fifteen audiences during that time. Some lasted half an hour, some an hour, and some above two hours, full of repetitions. Sometimes he used to speak very smoothly to me, and sometimes very roughly, threatening oftentimes to punish me; and always giving me to understand, in a crafty jesuitical way of speaking, which they have, that if I would change my religion, I might easily get out of my troubles. It made me very uneasy to see what he aimed at; but, I thank God, it had no effect upon me: though, I must confess, that the flesh being weak, and he frightening me, together with the misery I was in, sometimes drove me almost to despair, so that I was in suspense, whether I should change my religion or no. But I still prayed to God to give me strength to overcome all my troubles, and to go through those pains wherewith I was threatened, without renouncing the Protestant religion, which, in his great mercy, he had enlightened me withal.

Whitsun-eve, I was shaved against my will; for you must be shaved three times a year, whether you will or no, but no oftener. Don Fernando gave me a piece of frankincense to put in the fire; bid me clean my dungeon, and dress myself very clean, to receive a visit from the lords of the Inquisition, who came a little while after. There were two of them, and a secretary. The head lord, who had examined me, spoke to me thus.

Inq. Well, Isaac, how do you? You look very well in health. Can I serve you in any thing, tell me? *Mart.* My lord, I am, I thank God, well in

health ; but very much troubled in mind, to be detained here so long from my family. Your lordship has done examining of me ; I beg you would dispatch me out of this misery, that I am in. *Inq.* I will do you all the service I can ; but you must do what you can to serve yourself. *Mart.* My lord, I do not know what to do ; I would do any thing to get out of this misery : I am almost in despair. Your lordship told me, that I should have a lawyer to defend my cause. *Inq.* So you have had one, Isaac, did you not see him ? *Mart.* My lord, there was a man that you called a lawyer ; but he never spoke to me, nor I to him. If all your lawyers are so quiet in this country, they are the quietest that are in the world ; for he hardly said any thing, but yea, and nay, to what your lordship said. *Inq.* Hold, Isaac, the lawyers are not allowed to speak here. He has writ to Malaga for you, and has done what should be done in your case. You do not understand this way of justice. *Mart.* It is very true, I do not understand it at all. [The secretary, and the gaol-keeper, were forced to go out of the dungeon, to laugh ; and the two lords smiled to hear me talk as I did : and I scarce knew how to keep my countenance, to think what a lawyer I had to defend my cause, who was not allowed to speak to me, nor I to him.

Inq. Isaac, you know what day it is to-morrow. I would have you think of enlightening yourself in the holy faith ; this is a proper time, and I believe it would facilitate your getting your liberty. *Mart.* My lord, if I had no light of divinity, or religion, before I came here, I could get none where I am ; for I am locked up without seeing any body to speak to, neither have I any books to read to instruct me ; I have hardly day-light, to eat what little victuals are allowed me.

DON PETRO LEONOR, the second INQUISITOR, speaks.

Inq. If you will, you shall have a Jesuit to enlighten

lighten you. *Mart.* You may send one if you please; but I believe it will signify nothing.

Don JOSEPH VILEOT, the HEAD INQUISITOR, speaks.

Inq. No, it must come from himself. It signifies nothing to send him any body. *Mart.* My lord, I hope you allow that the holy scripture is perfect. *Inq.* Yes, I do, Isaac. *Mart.* My lord, I believe in it; and believe it is sufficient to save my soul, if I believe according to it. *Inq.* There are other things that you must believe, beside scripture; that are revealed to the holy church. *Mart.* My lord, I have been brought here for defending my religion; if your lordship would give me leave to speak, I could, by scripture, prove to you, that it is sufficient to believe in it; but I durst not. *Inq.* Well, Isaac, hold your tongue; it is no matter. You must pray to God to enlighten you in the holy faith. *Mart.* So I do, my lord, and hope he will deliver me from my troubles. *Inq.* It is for your good, that we admonish you. It is time for you to take care of your soul. It is a pity that such a man as you, have been brought up in heresy. We would have you consider upon it, for your own good, and it would be a great help to get out of your troubles. *Mart.* I thank your lordship for your advice. I gave you, at first, a short account of my religion. I hope that God will save me in the belief I am in. I beg your lordship's pardon; I cannot change.

Speaks Don PETRO LEONOR, the Second INQUISITOR.

Inq. You must forget what you know, and believe what we say; and that is your only way to get out of your troubles. *Mart.* I beg your lordship's pardon. I am too old to forget what I know. *Inq.* Well, think upon what we have said to you; it is for

your own good. *Mart.* It is very well, my lord.
Inq. Good by'e.

And so the door was shut; and I was as likely to get out as the first day, which made me very uneasy in my mind.

About a fortnight after, Don Fernando and Don Baltazar, the two gaol-keepers, came and told me, that I must remove and go to another dungeon. I begged of them to let me remain where I was; but it signified nothing; for they told me the lords had given them orders. When I came to my new dungeon, I thought myself better than where I had been; for I had more light, and could hear some dogs bark, and cocks crow, which was a great satisfaction to me in my dismal solitude; and I did not hear those bitter groans and cries of prisoners, as I used to do sometimes, which terrified me very much. What they did to them, God knows; but I believe they gave them the torture; for it is frequent in that holy place, as they call it. Women with sucking children I could often hear cry and lament. But I had not been there above three or four days, but I wished myself in my old dungeon; for I was so tormented with bugs, that I could not sleep at nights; so that I slept in the day as well as I could. I complained to Don Fernando; but he told me he could not help me; and that I must have patience. Some time after, Don Baltazar came and bid me empty a basin of the prisoners, which I refused, and we had high words about it: but Don Fernando came and told me that I must do it; and if the king was there he should do it. I made no resistance; for I found it was in vain, and that it was to plague me that they had moved me from my dungeon; and then to make me empty basins for others. But I said, I would make my complaint to my lords when I should see them; but I was immediately sent for, and my lord reprimanded me refusing to do such a thing at the first bidding. I

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told his lordship, that I did not know that he had given such orders; begged his pardon, and said, if he pleased I would empty them for all the prisoners. He said, there was no occasion for that; bid me be gone; but emptying of basons did not last long: for when I had emptied my own, I used to ask the gaol-keeper, whether he had no basons for me to empty; who, finding that I was so forward, would let me empty no more.

Some time after, Don Fernando espied a little hole that the mice had made in the wall, and the light came through. He went and acquainted my lord with it, who came in a great passion, and called me all to naught, and told me that I had made that hole; that I was a rogue by profession, and that I should pay for all my doings. I begged his lordship's pardon, and told him that he might call me what he pleased; and that he knew very well that I could not make such a hole, for I had nothing to make it with.

One day I met Don Joseph Equarez, the third Inquisitor, at the turn where they give their allowance. He asked me how I did, as they always do. I told him that I was in health, thank God; but was very much surprized to be detained so long in prison from my family; that the law of Christ was a law of compassion, and merciful, and that it was very hard to be served as I was. I had no sooner spoke those words, but he fell in a rage; bidding me hold my tongue, and mind where I was, and not talk of religion; that if he ever heard me talk so again, he knew what to do with me: that there was nothing practised but the religion of Christ, and mercifulness, in the Inquisition; and how durst I complain against it? I humbly begged his pardon, telling him, that if I had said amiss, it was for want of knowing better, and that I was sorry for it. I went to my dungeon, and glad to get off so; for he was in a terrible passion, and I was very much afraid of him.

I asked Don Fernando, some time after, what made him fall into such a passion? He told me that he had reason, and that I must never contradict them in what they say, nor talk of religion; for they were holy men, that knew what they did, and were infallible.

One day, Don Fernando softly, unawares, opened the door, and found me in tears, which happened very often at those times, deploring my hard fate, and praying to God to deliver me from those enemies of the church I was brought up in, and to send me and my family into my native country. He asked me what was the matter? I told him, I had been praying to God to deliver me from the misery I was in. He told me, that I did not pray to the right God, pitied my condition, and so went away.

Six and twenty weeks after that I had been there, Don Baltazar came to me to go to the audience, and bid me dress myself quickly. I was no sooner out of my dungeon, but he tied a handkerchief about my eyes. I asked him what that was for? He told me, it must be so; and as he was leading me along by the hand, I remembered what the old Inquisitor had told me, that there were torments to make people confess the truth; and how often he had threatened me. I thought it was now going to be put in execution, which terrified me very much; but still trusted that God would give me strength to withstand their torments.

Coming to a place where there are gags, that they gag the prisoners with when they torture them, to prevent their making a noise, I heard a voice that bid me stop, and pull off my cloaths. At which I answered, Must I pull off my cloaths? Yes, said one, pull off your cloaths.

As I was pulling them off, I heard another say, Keep your coat and your waistcoat on and put down your breeches: which accordingly I did, and was twice examined by several examiners; for I could hear several voices, but could see no body. They con-
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cluded that I was not circumcised; bid me put my breeches up and be gone. Don Baltazar led me back to my dungeon, and glad I was to get off so; for I must confess, I was very much afraid of being tortured; nor did I like such audiences.

When I came to my dungeon, I asked Don Baltazar, if that was their way of dispatching of people? That they might, at my first coming, see whether I was circumcised, without staying six and twenty weeks. He fell a laughing, and told me my case went on very briskly; so shut the door.

About a month after, one Sunday morning, Don Fernando told me, that I must get myself ready; for I must go out of gaol, and return to my family. Perceiving that he smiled, I thought he jested, and desired him not to jeer me in my afflictions; but speaking seriously to me, he told me, that the barber would come presently, and that I must appear before the lords, and a great many gentlemen.

I cannot express the joy I was in to hear such news. I fell a trembling and weeping for joy; so that for a while I could not put on my cloaths; but recovering a little, I dressed myself as well as I could, and gave God hearty thanks that it had pleased him to hear my prayers.

Sometime after being shaved they came for me, but would not let me take my perriwig; but made me go bareheaded. Don Baltazar bid me not be afraid; for they would do me no harm. I was very joyful, and told him, I was afraid of nothing, so I could but get out of the place where I was; for had they given me my choice to go to the gallies, or to stay in that dismal solitude, I would have chosen the gallies, where I might have seen, and have spoken with a fellow-creature.

When I came into the audience-room, I found it full of people, dressed in ceremonial robes, some with white wands, and others with halberts. Two men
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Immediately seized me, and made me kneel down before Don Joseph Equarez. At the same time a rope was put about my neck, which surprized me very much. Don Joseph Equarez, as I was kneeling down before him, spoke these words to me.

Your cause has been seen and examined ; go along with those gentlemen : you shall soon be released.

They were about forty that led me in the streets, and then to a church. They placed me at the great altar fronting the pulpit, where a priest or a Jesuit came with a great many writings in his hand, containing my accusations, which he read to the people ; but little or nothing of the defence I had made ; but that I denied almost every thing : and that the holy Inquisition had done what she could, in admonishing me to embrace the holy faith of the church of Rome, without which no man can be saved ; but I was such a pernicious heretic, that I would not hearken to the salvation of my soul, and that the holy tribunal had found me a great enemy to the holy faith. Then he declared, that for these crimes of which he stands convicted, the lords of the holy office have ordered him to be banished out of our Christian kingdoms, upon pain of two hundred lashes, and five years galley, if ever he returns into any of our Christian dominions ; and have given orders that he shall receive two hundred lashes through the public streets of this city.

After he had done reading to the people what he pleased, for there were a great many lies in what he read, I was remanded back to my dungeon.

At night, when Don Baltazar came to light my lamp, I asked him, whether I must receive those two hundred lashes that the priest had spoke of ? He told that the lords were very merciful, and he believed that I might escape them if I would change religion. I told him, that since I had endured such, their lordships might do what they pleased, I would

I would not change. Then he told me that I might change, and when I was at liberty I might live in my own religion.

The next morning, about ten of the clock, I was brought down stairs; and as I was there, in came the executioner with some ropes and a whip. He bid me take my coat and waistcoat off, and pull off my wig and cravat. As I was taking off my shirt, he bid me let it alone, he would manage that. He slipped my body through the collar, and tied it about my waist. Then took a rope and tied my hands together, put another about my neck, and led me out of the Inquisition, where there were numerous crouds of people waiting to see an English heretic. I was no sooner out, but a priest read my sentence at the door, as followeth.

“Orders are given, from the lords of the holy office of the Inquisition, to give unto Isaac Martin two hundred lashes through the public streets; he being of the religion of the church of England, a Protestant, a heretic, irreverent to the host, and to the image of the Virgin Mary; and so let it be executed.”

Knowing what was a going to be done to me, I was not so frightened as when they blindfolded me. The sentence read, the executioner mounted me upon an ass, and led me in the streets; the people huzzaing, cried out, “An English heretic! Look at the English heretic, who is no Christian!” and pelting me. The crier of the city walked before me, repeating aloud the sentence that was read at the door of the Inquisition, and the executioner whipping me as I went along, a great many people on horseback in ceremonial robes, with white wands and halberts following of us.

As we passed by the market-place, the people's pelting incommoded me very much. I thought I should be knocked off the ass. I spoke aloud, and asked them what country I was in? They cried out, “a Christian

tian country." To which I replied, "Those ways are practised in Barbary, and not amongst Christians. I am a Christian as well as you are; if I have deserved to be chastised, I am in the justice's hands; let him do it, and not you."

A great many people of the better sort said that I was in the right, and the pelting ceased in a great measure; and a great many would hinder others from throwing at me, and bid me have patience. I thanked them very kindly, and told them, thank God, I had patience. They were surprized to hear me talk Spanish, and pitied me very much. I shall ever thank God for giving me so much patience as I had; for I was not at all concerned, so great was my joy to find that God had graciously delivered me out of their barbarous and cruel hands.

The show being over, which lasted about three quarters of an hour, I was brought back to the Inquisition. Don Fernando received me, and seemed to pity my condition. I asked him, if that was the mercy they practised there? And told him, that I was very well satisfied, and that for the sake of my religion, I was ready to receive a thousand lashes. My cloaths being put on, I mounted up stairs, and he locked me up in my dungeon, where I gave God thanks, that he had given me strength to go through so many severe trials, and had thought me worthy to suffer for the sake of the Protestant religion, in which his holy word had enlightened me; and prayed that he would continually vouchsafe to deliver me from the enemies of the same; and send me to my native country, to enjoy the free exercise of it.

Some time after, Don Baltazar opened the close door, and asked me how I did? I told him, that I was pretty well; but desired him to speak to the lords, to let me have a surgeon to bleed me; for the weather being very hot, I was afraid that my back would putrify, being very much swelled and bruised: for they did not whip me with a cat of
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nine tails, but with a scourge made of leathern thongs, three fingers broad, and about the thickness of the foal of a shoe, which draws no blood, but bruises, and makes your back swell very much. For the holy Inquisition is so merciful, that when it delivers a man to be burnt alive, it always gives orders that it must be done without effusion of blood. Don Baltazar told me, that he would do what he could to serve me. At night he came and told me, that the lords would allow no surgeons to bleed me. Then I desired him to get me a little brandy to wash my back, which accordingly he did.

For several nights I could not lie upon my back for the pain that I endured, my body being very much bruised by the pelting of the people. But my greatest pain was, that they did not banish me out of their country, but still detained me.

A fortnight after, Don Fernando bid me get my things ready, that the carrier would come for me, and that I must appear before the lords before I went. I quickly was ready, and felt no pain, hearing those words. Some hours after he came for me, and when I came before the lords, they spoke to me thus.

Inq. Well, Isaac, how do you do? *Mart.* My lord, I am very well, thank God, considering what has passed, which your lordship knows. *Inq.* It is your tongue that is the occasion; you might avoid it if you would. *Mart.* My lord, I am very well satisfied to have suffered what I have. I came here with a great deal of sorrow, but I go with a great deal of joy. *Inq.* Have you heard any prisoners talk one to another since you have been here, in the night, or at any time? *Mart.* No, my lord; but there is an old man in the next dungeon to me, that speaks and talks to himself in the night, and sings sometimes; but I believe he has lost his senses. [And there are a great many that lose their senses by despair.] *Inq.* That old man signifies nothing. You are going to Malaga, where you shall remain in a gaol, till you

you can get aboard of a heretic ship; and you are never to return into these Christian kingdoms. Do you remember what was read at church the other day?

Mart. My lord, I remember it very well; and if your lordship had not banished me, I should not have lived in a country where I had been so used. I am

very well satisfied, my lord. *Inq.* You must, before you go, take oath you shall keep the secret, and not reveal to any body what has happened to you in your case, nor what you have heard or seen during the time you have been here, and take care of what you say, that we hear nothing of it.

Mart. My lord, it is very well, I will take care. [I took my oath.] *Inq.* What money you have brought here shall be returned to you; and when you come to Malaga, your effects shall be returned to you.

I thanked his lordship very kindly; and so, thanks be to God, we parted.

When I came down stairs into an office, a priest gave me the money my friend had given me, and begun to tell me, that it was pity that such a man as I was blind, and led away in heresy; that I was certainly damned, without remission, if I remained as I was; and so run on.

When I had got my money, I made him a short compliment, told him that I was not blind, and that I was a Christian as well as he, but did not damn any body: that I had been brought here for talking of religion, and that I would take care how I talked; and that I was forbid to talk about religion, or else I would give him an answer; made him a low bow, and went away with the carrier with a great deal of joy.

Three days after, we arrived at Malaga, where I was put in the common gaol, amongst the malefactors, with a pair of fetters on. The secretary of the Inquisition, who was a priest, and one of them that had taken me up, came to see me, and asked me how I did?

I did? To which I replied, I was well; but thought it was very hard to be used as I had been; and then to be put amongst the malefactors. I desired him to let me speak with the commissioner that had taken me up; but he stopped my mouth presently, telling me, that I could not speak with the commissioner, that the holy Inquisition had been very merciful to me; and that if he heard that I made any complaints I should be sent back again. I humbly begged his pardon, and desired him to let me go aboard of some English ship, that I might be gone out of the kingdom. To which he answered, To be sure you must go. You are not a fit man to live in these Christian countries, I will dispatch you as soon as possible, and so went away.

My wife, whom I had not heard of since I was taken up, came to see me. I desired her to go to some French merchants, which were my friends, and had great interest with the clergy, to desire them to speak to the commissioner of the Inquisition in my behalf, that I might go aboard some ship, which accordingly they did: so that the secretary came, and bid me pay what was owing to the gaol-keeper, and then conducted me to the water-side, forbidding of me, upon pain of going back to the Inquisition, to set my foot on shore, or go aboard of any ship, unless a heretic one: for I was a dangerous man against the holy faith; and that he would have spies to watch me. I made him a compliment, and told him, I would observe what he said, and desired him to return my effects (that had been taken from me) to my wife. He told me, he would see what could be done. I went aboard of an English ship, but had not been there above five or six hours, but the rupture happened between England and Spain, and the ship that I was in taken, with many others that were there at anchor, waiting for the vintage, upon the account of our fleet, under the command of Sir George Byng, who destroyed the Spanish fleet near Sicily.

afterward, making a sad complaint, and telling me, that the English were very bad people, to use their fleet as they had done. He led me to the water-side, forbidding me, as before, to go on board of any ship but a heretic one; which accordingly I observed, and was very glad to get off so.

The ship I went aboard of was a Hamburger, where I stayed about six weeks in the road, expecting that the clergy would return my effects to my wife. But they still put her off, and at last began to threaten her; telling her, that I came off very well, and that the Inquisition had been very merciful to me, and bid her not to be so troublesome. I asked advice of my friends that used to come on board to see me; and though there were Roman Catholics, they said very severe things against the Inquisition, and told me, as friends, that I might thank God I was so well delivered from their hands: that in the same Inquisition they burnt a French Protestant alive, who would not change his religion: and I have since seen and spoke with a man that was at Granada at that same time, and saw him executed.

My friends advised me, not to let my wife ask the clergy for any thing, for fear of some other misfortune. As they had threatened to take away one of my children, which my wife was forced to send to England whilst I was in the Inquisition, lest falling into their hands, she should never hear of it more; I desired her to come on board with the rest, for fear of the worst. They did return some small matter, and so we came away. And they gave out that they returned us every thing.

Whilst I was in the Inquisition, the clergy were very busy about my family to make them change their religion. They sent from the church for my children, and finding that my wife had sent one of them to England, [which was that, which she was informed, they had a mind to keep, and had he fallen into their hands, God knows whether we should ever have heard

of him again; for I have been told that they usually send them into convents up in the country:] they gave her a severe check, asking how she durst send one of her children away without their knowlege? and told her, that I had changed or would change my religion; which was all the talk at the time at Malaga, as well among the protestants as Roman catholics; it being a very difficult thing to get out of that holy tribunal, as they call it, without changing one's religion. I have known some that have got out; but they all outwardly profess themselves to be Roman catholics; but were not so when they were put in. They told my wife that if she would change her religion she should have the effects returned to her, and I should be set at liberty: but she, remembering what I had oftentimes told her, that I hoped God would give me strength to suffer death before I would change; desired them to excuse her, and that when she should see me she would resolve them, but not before. Then they attacked the children, and they said they would do as their mother did.

Some time before I got out there was a great noise spread that my picture was to be burnt upon the market-place at Malaga; and at the same time my body was to be burnt at Granada; which frightened my wife very much. But some good people assured her of the contrary, and told her what would happen to me, and that she should see me in a few days, which happened accordingly, after I had been eight months in their hands. God grant that these happy kingdoms may never feel the dismal effects of popish government and arbitrary power.

This narrative is attested by the English merchants at Malaga, where Mr. Martin lived for four years, as before mentioned; to which is added, a recommendation of him as a proper object for the charity of his countrymen, signed by the archbishops of Canterbury and York, and by several of the bishops.

As the man was an English protestant residing in Spain, under the protection of treaties subsisting between the two crowns, his commitment and detention were a manifest violation of those treaties, and of the law of nations: accordingly the English consul at Malaga represented the case in a proper manner to the English minister, and the minister in consequence laid the affair before one of the secretaries of state. It was immediately represented to his majesty George I. who was graciously pleased to send a very spirited remonstrance to cardinal Alberoni, Philip V.'s first minister, claiming his own subject, and insisting upon the immediate release of the said Isaac Martin from the prison of the Inquisition; desiring that he might be sent back to England. The cardinal, upon this, applied to the inquisitor-general to know how the case stood: this gentleman, whose name was don Jacinto de Abrana, sent to the inquisitors at Granada for a true account of the case; and then wrote a letter to the cardinal, stating the matter to him; upon which the cardinal gave orders for his release. The original letter which the inquisitor-general wrote to cardinal Alberoni upon this subject, is manifestly a letter written designedly to be shewn to the English ministry, in order to justify the Inquisition in so ill-gal and inhuman a procedure. There was, no doubt, another private letter written by the same inquisitor to the cardinal, stating the real injustice and indefensible circumstances of this imprisonment; otherwise had the account given in this public letter been strictly true, the poor man had never been released at all. The intercession of George I. did indeed release this unhappy object; but how was he released? He received, upon his enlargement, two hundred lashes, was whipped and pelted for three quarters of an hour through the streets of Granada, stripped and plundered of all his effects, sent back to Malaga, and then put aboard a ship, with his wife and children, to shift for themselves.

selves. — Upon a view of this case, one cannot help saying, that the tender mercies of the Inquisition are cruel.

But now, thank God, these sanguinary acts of faith seem to be growing out of vogue in Spain. There has not been an *auto de fe* at Madrid for these twelve years; which was owing to this circumstance: a Jew, and his wife, and a daughter of about thirteen years of age, being condemned to be burnt; while the father and mother were burning, they set the child loose from its fetters, and the priests got round it, with a view of converting it by the united force of their rhetoric, and the terrors of immediately undergoing the same cruel death. The child, after seeming to listen a while to their oratory, gave a sudden spring, and vaulted into the midst of the fire; giving a shining example of the force of early piety, of an heroic fortitude equal to that of the most resolute Roman, or the most unshaken martyr.

The power of this tribunal is now declining very visibly, and seems hastening to its fall; for the present king of Spain has taken a bolder step to humble the Inquisition, than any of the Philips or Charles's who went before him. The inquisitor-general having thought proper, last year, to prohibit a liturgy which the king had licensed, without consulting his majesty about it; the king, with a proper spirit, put the inquisitor under an arrest, and immediately sent him, guarded with a file of grenadiers, into exile, in a convent, at a great distance from Madrid. So determined and resolute a measure as this, alarmed the whole body of the clergy; they moved heaven and earth to obtain the inquisitor's recall; but for some time their endeavours had no effect: the king was inflexible. The common people were taught by their priests to say, that his catholic majesty was no good catholic in his heart. At length, however, the king restored the inquisitor to his liberty: but in such a manner, as that prelate had no reason to triumph.

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A Man going to y^e Flama by y^e Sentence of y^e Inquisitors.

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Mr. Clarke gives us the following account of his journey from London to Madrid.—“ I left London, in company with two other gentlemen, on Saturday the 10th of May 1760, set sail from Falmouth on the 20th, and arrived at Corunna on the 26th of the same month.

The harbour of Corunna presents you with a fine prospect as you sail into it; on your right are the Tower of Hercules, the fort, and the town; before you the shipping; all terminated by an agreeable view of the country: on your left you see Cape Prior, the entrance of Ferroll, and a ridge of barren mountains, with a large river running between them. Corunna is well built and populous, but, like most other Spanish towns, has an offensive smell. Their method of keeping the tiles fast, on the roofs of houses, is by laying loose stones upon them. The Spaniards, to my great mortification, have quitted that old dress, which looks so well on our English stage: the men wear a great flapped hat, a cloke reaching down to their feet, and a sword, generally carried under the arm: the women wear a short jacket of one colour, a petticoat of another, and either a white or black woollen veil. We stayed at Corunna a whole week, because we could not procure a vehicle to convey us to Madrid, nearer than from Madrid itself: nor could we travel on the straight road to Astorga by any other convenient method, than riding on mules or horses, for we rejected the litter, as disagreeable and fatiguing, and no other carriage could pass the mountains that way: we wrote therefore to Madrid for a coach to meet us at Astorga, which is about 150 miles from Corunna,

The poorer sort, both men and women, at Corunna, wear neither shoes nor stockings. We lodged at the best inn; but all inns throughout Spain afford miserable accommodations: it was kept by an Irishman named Obrien. We were well entertained by the Spanish governor don Louis de Cordouva, and the English consul Mr. Jordan.

We set out from Corunna the 3^d of June, being honoured with a discharge of guns from the packets in the harbour. You must carry your provisions and bedding with you in Spain, as you are not sure of finding them in all places. We seldom met with any thing to eat upon the road, or a bed fit to lie upon. After having passed the fertile mountains of Galicia, and the barren rocks of Leon, we came to Astorga the 8th of June. Here we rested till the 11th, and then set out in a clumsy coach, drawn by six mules, with ropes instead of traces: this surprised me at first, but I found afterward, that the grandees, and people of rank in Madrid, use ropes constantly at the Prado and Promenade, places of airing, somewhat resembling the old ring in Hyde Park.

After passing over the immense plains of Old and New Castile, which seem more like seas than plains, we arrived at Madrid the 18th of June, being the 7th day from our leaving Astorga. Though we travelled so long a tract of country, we saw few cities or towns that were considerable for their extent, strength, riches, manufactures, or inhabitants. Villa Franca in Leon is extremely beautiful, and stands high; Ponferrada neat, anciently called *intra fluvios*, because it was between the rivers Sil and Boega; and afterward stiled *Pons Ferratus*, from its bridge on the hard rock. Medino del Campo in Castile, is an agreeable situation; there is a large square in the middle of it, and some of the nobility reside there.

Lugo in Galicia is a remarkable ancient city, surrounded with a most singular fortification; as near as I could judge, a square; and at the distance of about every twenty feet a circular bastion of thick and lofty walls: the city fortified on every side in the same manner, has rather a tremendous appearance, and must have been extremely strong, before the use of that villainous saltpetre, as Shakespeare calls it. It stands near the source of the Minho; the turnips here are said to be so large, as to weigh fifty pounds each:

each: but who can believe it? Its ancient name was *Lucus Augusti*, and thence corruptly called Lugo.

The city of Astorga in Leon is situated in a wide plain; the most remarkable thing in it is the cathedral, which is a noble Gothic building: a basilica, consisting of six pointed arches, supported by tall, light, neat pillars, in a good taste; the portal a large round arch, with a vast number of mouldings; and with seven or eight fine altars. But the high altar is exceedingly magnificent; it consists of twenty compartments of marble-sculpture in alto relievo, the figures as large as life; the subject the history of our Saviour; at the summit God the Father crowning the blessed virgin. The glory is well expressed; for being cut through the frame, and a lamp placed behind it, the light shews the rays. We happened to attend at the vespers; the music of the organ was fine; the number of tapers, the richness of altars, in short, the whole scene was striking. This city gives the title of marquis to the family of Osorio, inferior to few, either for antiquity or valour.

Benevente in Leon is encompassed by three rivers, and remarkable for little more than giving the title of earl to the family of Pimentel. Vallalpando is in a pleasing plain, has a large square, and contains a palace of the constable of Castile, to whom the town belongs. The only river we passed of note was a branch of the Minho; a noble current, almost as broad as the Thames at Windsor, and to appearance deep; finely wooded on each side, the trees larger and taller than you usually meet with in Spain. The place where we passed it was called Hospital de Eschemoso.

The storks nests upon the tops of the churches, with the birds hovering over them, or just peeping out, are pleasing as you pass. It was so in old Rome: the storks built their nests in great numbers on the summits of their temples, as their poets often tell us.

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We passed some forests; but the trees are dwarf and poor, not resembling the timber of Great Britain; you will in vain look for those stately woods, which not only afford fuel, shade, and wealth to their owners, but send forth fleets, which give laws to the ocean. Tho' I lost my watch on the top of one of the highest mountains near the Zebreros, yet, by extraordinary good fortune, it was found by the *Mari-gatti*, or mule drivers, and carried to the Padre Abbad of Zebreros, who sent it me in less than a month.

The new Stone-causeway, which joins the two Castiles, and extends to Guardarama, is a most magnificent public work: it was done by an order of Ferdinand VI. the late king, as appears by the following inscription on a pillar erected on the causeway: *Ferdinandus VI. Pater Patriæ. Viam Vtrique Castellæ Superatis Montibus fecit. Ann. Salutis M DCC XLIX. Regni Sui IV.* It is really a noble road, and seems owing rather to the labour and activity of a Roman, than to the slow industry of a Spaniard.

Some parts of the Castiles are pleasant; but are ill cultivated; have no wood of any moment; this makes fuel incredibly dear in Madrid; the expence of one single fire there for the winter has been known to cost fifty pounds! an amazing article! The charcoal consumed in their kitchens, and braziers, comes chiefly from Gallapagar, at the distance of thirty miles, which is far enough in that country to make the carriage of it very expensive. The principal timber they use, is fir, the growth of the country; their houses, churches, carriages, and furniture, are chiefly of deal; there are sometimes no less than fourteen large girders in the cieling of a small apartment. One would not imagine from this circumstance, that timber was scarce. As to the water in this country, I do not think it in general good; that of Madrid is excellent, which is plain by the court's being at much expence to have it conveyed to distant places. There are two fine rivers in the Castiles, the Tagus and the Guadiana;

Guadiana; as to the Manzanares, which runs close by Madrid, it is but a poor stream, and falls into the Xarama, about six leagues distant from the Tagus. I was told in London, that the situation of Madrid was upon a plain, but it is a great mistake: it is built upon a chain of little hills, and, because there are higher mountains round it, at a distance, has been supposed to be in a plain.

The Spaniards erect pillars at proper distances upon the causeways, to direct travellers during the snows: we saw several of them in Leon, and other parts. The first comer to a Spanish inn, be his rank what it may, has the first choice of the accommodations: this occasions a sort of contest between the travellers in this country, who shall get first to the inn. It is a common practice to send a man on an hour or two before: we distanced one Don Joseph, a Biscayner, in this way; finding that he was going to the same *posada*, or inn, we detached our faithful Antonio, who, as fleet as an Arab, ran over the mountains in bye-baths, and arrived at the inn long before the Don and we came to it. This contest arises from there being seldom more than one inn in a village; at which, if disappointed, you must probably ride eight or ten miles before you can find another, which, at the end of a long day's journey, and in the dark, would be fatiguing, and perhaps dangerous.

Upon a review of the whole country from Corunna to Madrid, one may say, that Galicia is a fine fertile province; that some parts of it are equal to many in England; but as to Leon, it is a naked, dreadful, barren rock, except where it is covered with a few pitiful firs, or shrubs, such as are about Benevente and Villalpando, and except some few plains after you have passed Astorga. I turned round to take a view of Leon from one of the highest mountains, and was almost frightened at the sight; a brown horror, as Mr. Pope expresses it, was spread over the whole; sands, rocks, and craggy precipices, formed as savage
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a prospect as can be imagined. And yet this country was probably once fought for; the inhabitants surely must find a charm in it unknown to us. In one of these villages we found a set of people, dressed in a whimsical manner, dancing to rude music; the whole appearance was entertaining and grotesque; the dance artless and odd; its natural simplicity shewed the people in their true character.

The road from Corunna to Madrid is certainly not so bad as it is generally thought in England. The mountains of Galicia are very passable; the only difficult parts which I saw, were the descent at La Fava, and about twelve miles, as you come out of Serrarias. The mountains of Leon are rather disagreeable than dangerous, and all the rest is easy. Be it as it may, our English messengers find no difficulty in it. The accommodations, indeed, are miserable: I have said you must absolutely carry your provisions and bedding along with you; and even then, unless you can bear fatigue well, lye down in your clothes, eat eggs, onions, and cheese; unless you can sleep while your mules rest, rise the moment you are called, and set out early in the morning, before the heat comes on, you will fare ill as a traveller in Spain. It is a good method to carry dried tongues with you, hard eggs, not hams, for they will not keep, as we found by experience; some portable soup; tea, sugar, and spirituous liquors; not forgetting even pepper and salt: and whenever you meet with good bread, meat, fowls, or wine, always to buy them, whether you want them or not, because you know not what to-morrow may produce. A knife, fork, and spoon, are absolutely necessary, for you will find none; nor should you omit a pair of snuffers, a candlestick, and some wax-candles. Take care only not to carry any tobacco or rum; for they are all contraband, and may occasion the detention, if not the seizure of your baggage. Particularly bring with you as few books as possible, for the Inquisition will seize them. My
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baggage was detained a fortnight on account of my books; and the earl of Bristol was obliged to speak twice to general Wall, before he could releafe the captives. Many of these circumstances seem trifling, but they are so material, that those who happen to travel without them in this country, will find, by dear-bought experience, all these trifles become real inconveniences.

The town of Madrid, for as it is not an episcopal see, I think we cannot call it a city, is built on some little hills in the neighbourhood of a very indifferent stream called the Mananares; which occasioned much wit, when Philip II. built that great bridge over it, called the Puente de Segovia: some said the king should sell the bridge to buy a river, &c.

Charles V. having recovered here of a quartern ague, first made this a royal residence; but how injudiciously, needs not be remarked. The capital of so great and extended a kingdom, ought doubtless to be at Seville; where, by means of the port, all the conveniencies and necessities of life, and every article of foreign commerce might be had with ease.

Madrid is surrounded with very lofty mountains, whose summits are always covered with snow. It has no fortifications to defend it; it has no ditch, but is environed by a mud wall. Its gates, according to the taste of that country, have their locks upon the outside. There are very few good streets, except those of the Calle Mayor, the Calle d'Atocha, the Calle Alcala, and the Calle Ancha: the rest are long, narrow, and extremely dirty. The only good square is the Plaza Mayor, which is large and regular enough; but there being balconies to every window, it takes off much of its beauty.

The houses in Madrid are most of them brick, with dry walls, lime being there very dear and scarce; stone is still more expensive, because it must be brought from six or seven leagues distance. House-rent is at an exorbitant price; but that is not all,
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furniture is scarce to be had, without paying extravagantly for it; and if you would have glass windows to your house, you must put them there yourself, for you will not find them.—The houses in general are wretchedly ill built, for you will seldom see any two walls upon the square: they are laid out chiefly for shew, convenience being little considered: thus you will pass through usually two or three large apartments of no use, in order to come at a small room at the end, where the family sit. This is the general state of the houses there; not but there are some very magnificent palaces, built chiefly by viceroys, returned from their governments, and by the principal grandees: these have courts, and *portes cochers*, though the others have not. The houses in general look more like prisons than the habitations of people at their liberty; the windows, beside having a balcony, being grated with iron bars, particularly the lower range, and sometimes all the rest. A single family is not the sole tenant of an house, as is usually the case in England; they are generally inhabited by many separate families, who notwithstanding are for the most part perfect strangers to each other. Those who can afford it, have a distinct apartment for summer and winter. Foreigners are very much distressed for lodgings at Madrid; there being only one tolerable inn, the Fontana d'Oro; and the Spaniards are not fond of taking strangers into their houses, especially if they are not catholics. There is no such thing as a tavern or coffee-house in the town; they have only one news-paper, which is the Madrid Gazette: their places of diversion are the amphitheatre, built for the exhibition of the bull-feast, and the two theatres of La Cruz, and del Principe. The noise made by the itinerant bodies of psalm singers, in the streets, or the *rosarios*, as they call them, is very disagreeable in the evening; the frequent processions, particularly those of the Host, troublesome; at Easter especially, when the sight of those bloody disciplinants, the *flagellantes*, is extremely shocking.

Next to the king's palaces, one of the best buildings in Madrid is the Imperial College of Jesuits, which is indeed a very noble structure. There is no passing the streets there commodiously without a vehicle; for as they practise the Scotch, or Edinburgh custom, of manuring the streets by night, they would be too offensive to your feet, as well as your nose, without a chariot by day.

Madrid is governed by a principal officer called the *corregidor*, who is something like our lord mayor, though he is not chosen by the city, but by the king, and is not a merchant or tradesman, but a gentleman well versed in the law. He acts as a superior judge, and has under him forty-one *regidores*, not unlike our aldermen, who compose his council, acting as inferior magistrates under him.

At the end of the city is a famous place for airing and recreation, called the Prado or Pardo de St. Hieronymo; a delightful plain shaded by rows of poplar-trees, and adorned with twenty-three fountains, from which it is sprinkled every evening when the nobility and gentry repair thither in their coaches, or on horseback.

At the extremity of the Prado is the palace called *Buen Retiro*, or the Good Retreat. This is a very indifferent quadrangle, and is not so good a royal mansion as St. James's. It was designed as a place of retreat for the king, from the hurry of the court and town. It, however, contains a great number of stately rooms and noble apartments, adorned with the most costly furniture and paintings, executed by the greatest masters; but it is only built of brick. The gardens are said to be a perfect paradise, and abound with the most delightful shady walks, water-works, and the most curious productions of art and nature.

Casa del Campo is a royal seat standing on the other side of the river, to the west of the city, directly facing the king's town-palace, and was a very delightful place with a fine park, but is now much neglected.

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Florida is another royal pleasure-house, seated near the former in an enchanting situation. The palace of Aranjuez, about thirty miles from Madrid, has a fine front, and is agreeably situated in a pleasant vale at the confluence of two rivers, the Xarama and the Tagus. Though the gardens are only a dead flat, and the walks plantations of trees in straight rows; yet there is something chearful and refreshing in this cool and shady spot. St. Ildephonso is a palace about sixty miles from Madrid, in a delightful lonely country; part of it is also a convent. The building is not grand, nor in a good taste; but the gardens are very fine, and the fountains the noblest in Europe. The gardens are said to have cost five millions sterling. Here king Philip V. retired on his resignation of the crown in the year 1724, and caused the relics of some saints, which were highly revered, to be brought from the Escorial into this chapel.

We now come to the palace, or convent, of the Escorial, so called from the village in which it stands, which is situated seven leagues to the north of Madrid. Philip II. the founder of this palace and the convent belonging to it, made a vow at the battle of St. Quintin against the French, on the frontiers of Picardy, to build a convent at the Escorial for monks of the order of St. Jerom, which he preferred from his being obliged to cannonade a convent of Jeromites during the siege of St. Quintin. The battle being gained on St. Lawrence's day, he called the convent after the name of that saint; and as he was burnt upon a gridiron, this prince immortalized the very manner of his martyrdom; for he not only stuck gridirons, either of paint, wood, metal, or stone, all over the convent, but built the very convent itself in the form of a gridiron. That part of the building which forms the palace is the handle of this gridiron, and the rest being divided into a great number of square courts, the buildings are so ranged as to form the sides and bars. But in building this structure he gave
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great disgust to the Spanish cortes: for Philip having assembled them to ask supplies for carrying on the war against France, the states very freely voted a large subsidy of some millions; which the artful monarch, as soon as he had once secured in his own coffers, applied to the building of this convent. This misapplication of the public revenues gave such vexation to the cortes, that they afterward assembled with more reluctance, being unwilling to be cajoled out of their money by the tricks of designing princes.

This royal monastery of St. Laurence is built on the declivity of a mountain, part of the Segovian chain, which separates the two Castiles. It is of a beautiful white stone, veined with blue and brown, of a very fine polish, and is surrounded with the most delightful prospect.

The monks here have a higher opinion of Philip II. the founder, than even of St. Laurence and St. Jerom: this indeed is only a decent part of gratitude; for as he thought that, by raising this superb fabric, he should atone for all his sins, so he spared no expence to render it complete. It cost during his reign twenty-eight millions of ducats, which is about three millions three hundred and sixty thousand pounds sterling. He lived here chiefly during the last fifteen years of his life; and when he died, ordered himself to be brought out in his bed to the foot of the high altar, that he might die in sight of it; and thus he expired. The place where his bed stood is since railed off, as sacred.

The Pantheon chapel, the sepulchre of the princes of Spain, is one of the finest in the world. The principal members of the portal are of black marble, regularly veined and spotted with white. In the lesser parts gems, gold, silver, and bronzes, unite their lustre. On the sides are two pillars in relievo, with their bases and capitals, beside the jambs and lintels, formed out of one block of marble. Over this is the frieze, and figures to the number of ten, supporting the crown. The pedestals, capitals, &c. are of brass gilt.

gilt; and before the door is a balustrade of gilt brass, of most beautiful workmanship.

From this portal you descend a stair-case composed of the finest Tortosa jaspers and Toledo marble, beautifully variegated, finely polished, and joined with such art as to appear only one single piece, sixty-four feet in length, consisting of thirty-four steps, divided into three flights, by the like number of landing-places. The balustrades are of beautiful jasper marquetry, with marble mouldings. In the middle hangs a gilt lustre with six cornucopias. At the third landing-place is the Pantheon door, adorned with four pilasters, two of jasper, and two of bronze. The pavement between the pilasters is of polished jasper, and the ceiling represents Jacob's ladder.

Upon entering this august cemetery, you are struck with the beauty of its several parts. The order of its architecture is the composite. Its circumference is one hundred and thirteen feet, and the diameter from wall to wall is something more than thirty-six feet; the height from the pavement to the central stone at the top is thirty-eight feet, and its figure is perfectly circular. The pavement represents the figure of a star, the rays of which are formed of innumerable jems, jaspers and different kinds of marble, with a fleuron in the center, glittering with gems. The whole is surrounded with a beautiful pedestal or base, on which stands sixteen fluted Corinthian pilasters of jasper, the bases and capitals of gilt bronze. The sarcophagi or coffins are placed in niches all round the Pantheon; and the marble of which they are made, is remarkable for the fineness of the grain, the beauty of the colour, and the ornaments bestowed on them.

The ring in the ceiling, in the middle of which is the key-stone, forms a splendid fleuron, eighteen feet in circumference, and is of brass gilt, and the design and workmanship very fine. From this fleuron hangs a large iron-rod, to which is fastened a large gilt
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lustre of beautiful workmanship. At the lower end are the four evangelists in demi-relievo; over these are twenty-four cornucopias, along the edges of which are cherubins; and above these eight angels holding flambeaus; and the other eight are fixed to the heads of as many seraphs. It is every where embellished with festoons, &c. and surmounted by a splendid crown. When the tapers in these cornucopias, the flambeaus held by the angels, and the candles on the altar are lighted, no words can express its grandeur.

On the right-hand, going out of the Pantheon, a door opens into a vault, which may be called the secondary Pantheon, where those of the royal family who are not entitled to a place in the principal structure are interred. On every side are three rows of niches, to the number of fifty-one, for the coffins; and on the wall next the door is an altar-piece, in which is a good copy of Christ on the cross, from Titian.

The Spaniards have in general an olive complexion, are of a middle stature, rather lean, but well made; they have fine eyes, glossy black hair, and a small well shaped head.—Their cloaths are usually of a very dark colour, and their cloaks almost black. This shews the natural gravity of the people. This is the general dress of the common sort; for the court, and persons of fashion, have most of them now adopted the French dress and modes.

As their natural air is gravity, so they have consequently great coldness and reserve in their deportment; they are therefore very uncommunicative to all, and particularly to strangers. But when once you are become acquainted with them, and have contracted an intimacy, there are not more social, more friendly, or more conversible beings in the world. When they have once professed it, none are more faithful friends. —They are a people of the highest notions of honour, even to excess, which is a still visible effect of their antient love of chivalry, and was the animating

spirit of that enthusiasm. They have great probity and integrity of principle. As they persevere with much fidelity and zeal in their friendships, you will naturally expect to find them warm, relentless, and implacable in their resentments.

They are generous, liberal, magnificent, and charitable; religious without dispute, but devout to the greatest excesses of superstition. What else could induce them to kiss the hands of their priests, and the garments of their monks?

If the Spaniards have any predominant fault, it is, perhaps, that of being rather too high minded; hence they have entertained, at different periods, the most extravagant conceits; such as, that the sun only rose and set in their dominions; that their language was the only tongue fit to address the Almighty with; that they were the peculiar favourites of heaven, in so much that when the arms of protestants have prevailed over theirs, they have been ready to call God himself an heretic. They formerly thought, that wisdom, glory, power, riches and dominion, were their sole monopoly; but the experience of two or three centuries past has contributed to shew the fondness of all these delusions. The open and avowed attempts of its Austrian princes, grasping at universal monarchy; the secret and more concealed ambition of the Bourbon line, with all their plans of refined policy, have been, as Shakespear calls it, like the baseless fabric of a vision. It has been owing to these lofty conceits, that they are still possessed with the highest notions of nobility, family and blood. The mountaineer of Asturias, though a peasant, will plume himself as much upon his genealogy and descent, as the first grandee; and the Castilian, with his coat-armour, looks upon the Gallician with sovereign contempt.

Nothing can shew the *sang froid* of the Spaniards more strongly than the following circumstance, which, though it hath been often related, is perhaps not

known to every reader. In the war that ensued between Spain and Portugal, upon the revolution in favour of the duke of Braganza, the Portuguese plundered the village of Traigueros, and left a centinel in it, while the troops passed on.—The centinel, to amuse the time, played on his guitar, which happened to be out of tune. A Spaniard belonging to this plundered village, offended with the dissonance of the soldier's music, came to the centinel, and civilly begged him to lend him the guitar; which being done, he tuned it, and returned it to the Portuguese, with this short speech—Now, Sir, it is in tune, —*Aora sta templada.*

The profession of arms is their chief delight; to this darling passion, commerce, manufactures, and agriculture have been always sacrificed. It never appeared more evident than in the succession war; the peasant voluntarily forsook the plough, and ran to the Austrian or the Bourbon standard. There was no occasion for an haranguing serjeant, or for an officer and a press-warrant, to call him to the field of action. *A la guerra, A la guerra*, was all the cry.

It has been imagined, from the event of the late war, that the Spanish are not good troops; but it is a great mistake; there are no soldiers in the whole world that are braver than the Spanish. Those who say otherwise only shew their ignorance of history. They have had the dukes of Berwick and Bitonto, the counts de Gage and Schomberg, the prince of Hesse, the marquis De Las Minas, the generals Stanhope, Peterborough, and Stahrembergh, the eye-witnesses of their bravery. That they make but an indifferent military figure at present, is no just argument against them; long peace, long disuse, and bad generals, will entirely damp the martial spirit of any people. They bear all hardships with the most unremitting patience, and can endure heat, cold, and even hunger, with some degree of cheerfulness. They have courage and constancy sufficient for the most hazardous undertakings; and though naturally slow

yet when once put in action, pursue their object with great warmth and perseverance.

The Spaniards frequently breakfast as well as sup in bed; their breakfast is usually of chocolate, tea being very seldom drank by them. They drink little wine. Their dinner is generally a *pochero*, or beef, mutton, veal, pork, and bacon, greens, &c. all boiled together. If it be a richer, or more expensive mixture of meats and delicacies, it is then stiled an *olla podrida*, or what we call an olio. Temperance in eating and drinking is doubtless one of their virtues; you may see it in their proverbs; *Unas azeitunas, una salada, y ravanillos, son comida de los cavalleros*; that is, Olives, salad, and radishes, are food for a gentleman. They are great devourers of garlic; they seldom change the knife and fork, but eat every thing with the same individual weapon; delicacy, in many instances, not being their character.

The taste for gallantry and dancing prevails in Spain universally; they are the two ruling passions of the country. Jealousy, ever since the accession of the house of Bourbon, has slept in peace. It is observable, that in proportion as manners become more civilized, that furious passion always loses its force. Dancing is so much their favourite entertainment, that their gravest matrons never think themselves excluded by age from this diversion. You may see the grandmother, mother, and daughter, all in the same country dance: the English, on the contrary, give dancing to youth, and leave cards to age. The two most favourite and universal Spanish dances are the *seque-dillas* and the *fundungo*: the first is something like our hay; the second is a very ancient dance, and though originally Roman, yet the Spaniards have mixed somewhat of the Moorish along with it: they are excessively fond of it; it is danced by the first of the nobility, as well as by the common people.

Most of the Spaniards take their *siesta*, or sleep after dinner; mass in the morning, dinner at noon,

and the evening's airing generally finish the round of their day. Tho' it is the *esquisse* of the dress of the men and women to wear in the streets, and at night, all the same dress, yet the ladies in private town, wear a much variety of dress, and of a much finer form than those in England: but to a people of gallantry, the advantage of all wearing the same uniform in public, is easy to be conceived. The married ladies in Spain have each their professed lover, just as the Italian ladies have their cicerone. Their evening's airing is insipid to the last degree; you see nothing but a string of coaches following one another, filled with people of fashion: here a duke and his confessor; there a couple of smart young abbess *tête à tête*; here a whole family grouped together, just like a Dutch picture, husband and wife, children and servants, wet nurses and dry all together.—When they take their airing on *gala*, or court days, all their footmen are then dressed in laced liveries, with plumes of feathers in their hats.—The number of servants kept by the grandes, and people of the first fashion, is immoderate. Some of the Spanish grandes retain to the number of three or four hundred domestics; the English ambassador here, in compliance with the taste of the country, keeps near one hundred. As they go with four mules usually, they have consequently two drivers, or postillions; generally four, and sometimes six footmen behind their coaches, beside an helper to take off a pair of mules, when they enter Madrid, as they are not permitted to drive with more than four there. In the hot weather they take out the sides and backs of their coaches, for the sake of the air. They use sedan chairs but very little, and when they do, they have always two footmen, who go on each side the hindmost chairman, in order to hold him up, lest he should fall; and two of each side the sedan, and two who follow behind with lanthorns, though it is in the middle of the day: that is to say

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generally nine servants with a coach, and ten with a sedan, beside those who go before.——

Among the diversions and pastimes of the Spaniards, the bull-feast is the most distinguished: we shall give Mr. Clarke's description of that exhibited in the Plaza Mayor at Madrid, upon occasion of his catholic majesty's public entry into his capital, on the 15th of July 1760. The square, which is large, was thronged with people, and all the balconies ornamented with different coloured silks, and crowded from the top to the bottom of the houses: the avenues to the square were built up into the balconies, and a sloping scaffold placed round for the common people, and raised about eight or nine feet from the ground.

First came the coaches of the cavaliers, four in number, of a singular make, with glasss at the ends, and quite open at the sides: the cavaliers were placed at the doors of their coaches, from whence they bowed to the people in the balconies as they passed round the square, and were accompanied by their sponsors, the dukes of Ossuna, Banos, Arcos, and Medina Cæli. Before the royal family came a company of halberdiers, followed by seven or eight of the king's coaches, preceding his coach of state, which was extremely rich, with red and gold ornaments, and beautiful painted pannels. Then came a coach with some of the great officers; and next the king and queen in a very sumptuous coach of blue, with all the ornaments of massive silver, and a crown at the top: the trappings of the horses were likewise silver, with large white plumes. These were followed by the coaches of the prince of Asturias, the two infarras, and Don Lewis, with their attendants.

Their majesties seated themselves opposite to the balconies of the English ambassador, in which was our author, in a gilt balcony, with a canopy and curtains of scarlet and gold. On the right hand of the
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king's balcony were placed the rest of the royal family, and on the left the gentlemen of the bed-chamber in a row, all dressed in a very fine uniform of blue and red, richly embroidered with gold. The halberdiers marched from the king's balcony, which was in the center of one side, and forming themselves into two lines fronting different ways, cleared the square of the croud, who retired into the scaffolds erected for them; after which the halberdiers formed themselves into a line before the scaffold under the king's balcony. Two companies of boys, dressed in an uniform, with caps and red taffety jackets, came with buckets of water in their hands, and watered the stage as they crossed over it to the opposite side: the six chief alguazils of the city now came mounted on fine horses, covered with trappings, and dressed in the old Spanish habit, black, with slashed sleeves, great white flowing wigs, and hats with plumes of different coloured feathers. They advanced toward the king's balcony, under which they were obliged to stay the whole time to receive his orders, except when they were frightened away by the bulls.

At length the troops belonging to the cavaliers ascended the stage in four large companies, dressed in silk Moorish liveries, richly and elegantly ornamented with lace and embroidery: these first bowed to the king's balcony, and then went in procession round the square; and from the elegant singularity and variety of their uniforms appeared extremely beautiful. After them came the four knights in the old Spanish dress, with plumes in their hats, mounted on fine horses: each held in his hand a slender lance, and was attended by two men on foot, dressed in light silk of the colour of his livery, with cloaks of the same: these never forsake his side, and are his principal defence. The cavaliers then dispose themselves for the encounter, the first placing himself opposite to the door of the place where the bulls are kept, and the other at some distance behind him.

At a signal given by the king the doors opened, and the bull appeared, to the sound of martial music, and the loud acclamations of the people: when seeing one of the attendants of the first cavalier spreading his cloak before him, he aimed directly at him; but the man easily avoided him, and gave his master an opportunity of breaking his spear in the bull's neck. In the same manner the bull was tempted to engage the other cavaliers, and always with the same success, till having received the wounds with their lances, he was encountered by the other men on foot, who, after playing with him with incredible agility as long as they thought proper, easily put an end to him by thrusting a sword either into his neck or side, which brings him to the ground, and then they finish him at once, by striking a dagger, or sword, behind his horns into the spine, which is always immediate death. After this the bull is hurried off by mules finely adorned with trappings.

After the knights were sufficiently tired with these exploits, the king gave them leave to retire; bulls were then let out, one at a time, from another door: these were of a more furious nature, and were encountered entirely by men on foot, who were so far from fearing their rage, that they strove to increase it, by darting at their necks, and other parts, little barbed darts ornamented with bunches of paper, some of which were filled with gun-powder, and were no sooner fastened to the bull than they went off like a serpent. Nothing can be imagined more tormenting than these darts, but the amazing dexterity with which they are thrown, takes off the attention from its cruelty. They also dress up goats skins, blown up with wind, and increase the fury of the bull by placing them before him, which makes a very ridiculous part of the entertainment. Many of the bulls, however, would not attack them; and one of the most furious that did, shewed more fear than in encountering his most sturdy antagonist. They also
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baited one bull with dogs, which shewed as much courage as any of the bull-dogs in England.

My apprehensions, says our author, were at first principally excited for the men on foot; but the knights are in much more danger, their horses being too full of fire to be exactly governed; they cannot therefore so well avoid the aim, and are liable to be every moment overthrown with their horses, if their attendants by their side do not assist them. Two beautiful horses were nevertheless gored; one of which was overthrown with his rider, but fortunately the man escaped any mischief from his fall. The courage of these horses is so great, that they have been often known to advance toward the bull, when their bowels were trailing on the ground.

This spectacle is one of the finest in the world, whether it be considered merely with respect to the splendor of the sight, or as an exertion of the amazing agility and dexterity of the performers. The Spaniards are so devoted to it, that even the women would pawn their last rag to see it. Nothing can be imagined more crowded than the houses even to the tops of the tiles, and dearly enough do they pay for their pleasure, pent together in the hottest sun, and with the most suffocating heat that can be endured. This is certainly a remnant of Moorish, and perhaps Roman barbarity, and will not bear the speculations of the closet, or the compassionate feelings of the tender heart: but, on the other hand, it has all the good effects of chivalry, in exciting in the minds of the spectators a disposition to hardy actions, without the horror that prevailed in former times, of distinguishing bravery to the prejudice of our own species.

The bull-feast in the Praça Mayor is never exhibited but upon some extraordinary occasion, as the accession or marriage of their kings, and is attended with very great expence, both to his majesty and the city. But there is a theatre built without the walls, where there are bull-feasts every fortnight, which to connoisseurs

connoisseurs are greatly preferable to the others, the bulls being more furious, and the danger greater to those who fight them : but there is little difference in their manner of engaging them.

We shall now give some idea of the Spanish theatre, which our author visited at the season for acting the autos, or plays, in support of the catholic faith. The theatre made a good appearance with respect to its size and shape ; but was rather dirty and ill lighted, and, what was worse, had an equal mixture of daylight and candles. The prompter's head appeared through a little trap-door, above the level of the stage ; and he read the play loud enough to be heard by the people in the boxes. The pit made a motley appearance, many standing in their night-caps and cloaks ; while officers and soldiers were interspersed among the dirtiest mob. The side and front boxes were filled by persons well dressed, and that which answered to our two shilling gallery was filled with women, all in the same uniform ; a dark petticoat, and a white woollen veil. The actors were dressed in richer cloaths than those in England, and these they are perpetually changing, in order to shew the expensive variety of their wardrobe.

After some tedious and insipid scenes, came on an interlude of humour. One of the comedians addressed a lady who sung very prettily, and offered her a purse of money : in the mean while a man brought in three barber's blocks which he placed upon the stage : these he first dressed in mens cloaths ; but then undressing them, dressed them in womens apparel, after which came in three men who had a fancy to tempt these three ladies ; but they were inflexibly coy, and it was not long before their gallants discovered their mistake. At length, after some long tiresome uninteresting scenes, full of fustian and bombast, an actor, dressed in a long purple robe, in the character of Christ, preached to the four quarters of the world in their proper dresses ; Europe and America heard him
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gladly, but Asia and Africa remained incorrigible. Our Saviour was soon after blind-folded, buffeted, spit upon, bound, scourged, crowned with thorns, and compelled to bear his cross; when he kneeled down and cried, *Padre mi! Padre mi!* "Father, Father, why hast thou forsaken me?" After this the fellow placed himself against the wall, with his hands extended, as if on the cross, and there imitated the expiring agonies of the blessed Saviour; upon this one of the actresses unbound him, took off his crown and scarlet robes, and he having put on his wig and coat, joined the rest of the actors in a dance. After this one of the actresses, in a very long speech, explained the nature, end, and design of the sacrament; and the play was concluded by Christ appearing in a ship triumphant.

Soon after our author went to see a regular comedy, and there were two other English gentlemen in the same box with him. They understood very little of the design of the first act; they saw a king, a queen, an enchantress, and many other pretty delightful sights; but the interlude with which it was concluded was extremely low. The scene was intended for the inside of a Spanish inn, during the night: there were three feather-beds, and as many blankets brought upon the stage; the queen and her maids of honour personated the mistress of the inn and her maids; and accordingly fell to making the beds. After this six men came in to lie there, and one of them being a miser, had rolled up his money in twenty or thirty pieces of paper. They then undressed before the ladies, by pulling off six or seven pair of breeches, and as many coats and waistcoats, and got into bed two by two: when behold, the jest consisted in seeing them kick the cloaths off one another, and then fight, as the spectator is to suppose, in the dark. The absurdity of this scene, and the incomprehensible ridiculousness of it, made us, says our author, laugh immoderately. The sight of the feather-beds,
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the men kicking and sprawling, the peals of applause that echoed through the house, were truly inconceivable; though, I believe, our neighbours in the next box thought we laughed at the wit and humour of the author. It was a scene that beggars all possible description, and I defy any theatre in Europe, but that of Madrid, to produce such another.

When this interlude was finished, there succeeded some other scenes between the king, queen, enchantress, and the rest of the actors. Five or six of them all at once drew their swords upon the enchantress, who parried them with her wand, and, to their great amazement, retired unhurt into her cell. At other times the enchantress killed with a look, and restored to life with a second. In short, after several ridiculous incidents, the enchantress renounces the devil and all his works, and in the conclusion embraces the catholic faith, and declares she will adhere to that alone. But it can hardly be supposed, that these absurd dramatic pieces are the best of the kind; and indeed they are said to have some that are excellent, as those of Lopez de Vega, which come nearest to our Shakspeare.

Mr. Clarke tells us, that he has informed himself from good authority, that our trade with Old and New Spain is full one third less than it was about forty years ago; and that the balance and exchange, between Spain and Great Britain, are every day more and more turning against the latter kingdom. The causes of this decrease are indeed not at all difficult to be discovered or accounted for. Part of it is owing to the extream avarice and extortion of our own merchants, who, not contented with moderate profits, have kept up the prices of their goods beyond their just proportion, and thereby opened a door for the french and Dutch to undersell us at the Spanish markets. Another reason is, that the price of labour in those two countries, is considerably lower than in our own, which enables them likewise to afford
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their goods to the Spaniards at a much cheaper rate than we can do. A third reason is, the alteration introduced during the Spanish war in queen Anne's time; when the French crept into that trade, and deprived us of a greater share of it than we shall probably be ever able to recover. A fourth reason may be, the progress which the Spaniards themselves have made in some branches of manufacture: for the encouragement which the kings of the house of Bourbon have given to manufactures and arts, has excited some few Spaniards to apply themselves to industry and trade. For several years past, the ministry in Spain have endeavoured, by means of foreign workmen, to set on foot various manufactures; and the great attention they have given to that object, has not been altogether without effect. But at present, by a strange infatuation, the minister to whose department the care of the manufactures belongs, not only neglects, but discourages them; and they consequently decline very fast.

But notwithstanding the arts of French insinuation, our traffic with Spain is very considerable, and chiefly in the following articles.—We export to that country large quantities of dried and salted fish, called by them *basalas*; likewise broad cloaths and woollen stuffs of various kinds to a great amount; silk stuffs, cutlery ware, warlike and naval stores, particularly cables and anchors; also watches, wrought brass, and prince's metal, toys, mathematical instruments, cabinet work, particularly of mahogany; wrought and unwrought tin, leather, lead, corn, dry and salted meat, cattle, butter, cheese, beer, hats, linen, vitriol, pepper, rice, and other products of our American colonies: and, if we attended to it, we might supply them with great quantities of timber from those colonies, as the Spaniards, though they have in some parts fine woods of excellent oak, yet from their inexpertness in felling trees, and want of roads, are in a manner entirely deprived of the use of them.

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From Spain we receive the following articles: wines, oil, vinegar, fruits of various kinds, viz. olives, raisins of the sun, raisins dried with ashes, called by them *pasas de lino*; raisins from Almunegar, a city on the coast of Andalusia, famous for that produce; chestnuts, almonds, figs, citrons, lemons, oranges, cocoa-nuts, Spanish pepper, pomegranates, fine wool, indigo, cochineal, materials for dying, kali, or barilla, and soda, for the making of soap and glass, chiefly from Alicante; quicksilver; some wrought silks, particularly from Valencia; and of late raw silk, balsam of Peru, vanillas, cake-chocolate of Guajaca, salsaparilla, salted sea-brizle, saltpetre, salt from Cadiz, salt from Port St. Mary's, woollen counterpanes, and a remarkable fine sort of blankets from Segovia: iron from Bilboa, sword blades, particularly from Toledo, gun and rifle barrels from Guipazcoa and Barcelona, vermilion, wax, tannin, leather from Seville and the Havannah, soap, formerly a considerable article, but as we now make it ourselves, only a trifle, though there is still much of it annually run into Scotland; and several roots and drugs of the growths of Spain and America, employed in medicine.

Trade with Spain and her colonies in America, is the most considerable part of their external commerce, and the great support of their navy; for, till our late breach with France, very few of their ships navigated into foreign parts; and the chief source that supplied the balance of their trade with other nations, came from this branch. Their internal traffic is not so much proportionate to the numbers of their people, the natural advantages of their situation and climate, the abundance of raw materials which the country produces, and their Indies supply them with: especially when we reflect on the many years of power that they have enjoyed, and that commerce was never so much considered by the several European nations, as it is in the present age.

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The great error of the Spanish policy seems to be this; they never sufficiently attended to the truth of the following political maxim, That industry, manual labour, and the arts, are more beneficial, and truer sources of wealth to a state, than the richest mines of gold and silver. Dazzled with the spoils of America, they turned their whole attention to seize the exclusive possession of those seeming riches; they neglected agriculture and manufactures, and contracted a contempt for the mechanic, and even liberal arts; in consequence of which, the country becoming daily less populous, their maritime and military strength soon declined. Of late years the Spanish ministry hath been fully sensible of this fatal mistake, and hath endeavoured to raise a spirit of industry among the people, by promoting the establishment of manufactures, in various parts of the kingdom: but though they have tempted the people, by exemption from taxes, and many other privileges, yet the progress they have made is not so considerable as might have been expected.

We shall now attend Mr. Clarke on his journey from Madrid to Lisbon.—“ As his catholic majesty did not think proper to give the earl of Bristol any answer, in relation to the question put to him by the court of Great Britain, we, who all held ourselves in readiness for an abrupt departure, made the necessary dispositions for an immediate return to England: accordingly the requisite passports being obtained, Stanier Porten, Esq; the English consul-general at Madrid, led the way, and set out, on the 16th of December, on his route for Portugal. We should have been obliged to return that way, because the war prevented our going through France, and the road to Corunna being not practicable for a coach, unless we had made a very wide detour, and taken the road to San Jago de Compostella.—But his Britannic majesty fixed that route, by ordering that a ship (the Portland man of war, captain Richard Hughes commander)

hill, on the top whereof is a castle, the country about it fruitful.—It was founded by Julius Cæsar, and after him called *Turris Julia*, hence corruptly *Truxillo*.

The next place of note is *Merida*, the capital city of the province of *Estremadura*, built on the banks of the *Guadiana*, over which there is a most noble bridge, the work of that great emperor, as well as builder, *Trajan*. There are here still to be seen many fine remains of Roman antiquity: in the market-place is a large column, built entirely of inscription and sepulchral stones, crowned on the top with an antique statue; the walls for the most part Roman; there are some remains of an amphitheatre, aqueduct, circus, &c. all Roman. It was built by *Augustus*, given by him to veteran troops, and called *Emerita Augusta*, whence corruptly *Merida*.

Four leagues farther, on the banks of the same river, stands *Lobon*, where there is a castle. It was antiently called *Lychon*, in Greek, signifying a wolf, which its present Spanish name does likewise.

The last city in *Estremadura*, on the frontiers of Portugal, is *Badajoz*, well fortified, has a fine bridge, a castle, and was antiently called *Pax Augusta*; whence its present name.—Here we took our last adieu of Spain; and were not a little pleased to find ourselves on Portuguese ground the next morning, at *Elvas*; where the ambassador stayed all day, though it was only three leagues to it, in order to forward a messenger to England, and send his dispatches to the honourable Mr. Hay, his Britannic majesty's minister plenipotentiary at the court of Lisbon.—*Elvas* is a city in the province of *Alentejo* in Portugal. Being the frontier to Spain, it is the best fortified place the Portuguese have: it is also a bishopric. There is a good cathedral, with a most elegant chapter-room. The dean, who was a very polite ecclesiastic, was so obliging as to shew it us himself.

Six leagues farther, you come to Estremos, another fortified place, about two leagues from Villavizosa; where is a castle on the hill.—The situation is beautiful, and the town has a clean, neat, pleasing appearance; it is remarkable for a fine manufactory of earthen ware.—It is most memorable for a victory obtained by the Portuguese, under the command of count Schomberg, in 1663, over the Castilians, whose general was Don John of Austria, in their last invasion of that kingdom.—They found in that prince's casket, after the battle, very complete lists of the Spanish army, artillery, and other offensive munitions of war.—The court of Lisbon, diverted at this incident, had their secretary of state write at the bottom of one of these lists, "We certify, that the above list is very exact, having found it after the defeat of Don John of Austria, near Estremos, 8th June 1663."—The distance of time between the last and the present invasion being only one year short of a century.

The next place of note is Arroyos, standing on an eminence, with a good fort to it; it gives the title of earl to the family of Castro.

The 31st of December we arrived at Aldea Galega. Here our dispersed parties united again with the greatest joy, having the beautiful prospect of that fine river the Tagus before us, which is no less than twelve miles broad at that place, and which we were to pass at six o'clock the next morning, because of the tide. And here we were glad to rest from all our fatigues; some of us having suffered very much from the length and labour of the journey.

We arrived at Lisbon about eight o'clock the next morning; where the honourable Mr. Hay received the ambassador, and his retinue, and conducted him to his own house."——

Portugal was formerly called Lusitania; but its boundaries were then different from those it has at present. The name of Portugal is by some thought

to arise from *Portus Gallus*, or *Portus Gallorum*, from the multitude of French which came to the city of Porto, on the river Douro, in order to assist the Christians against the Moors. But the more general opinion is, that it is derived from a town on the river Douro, by the ancients called *Cale*; but by the moderns changed to *Gaya*: opposite to this place a new town, with a harbour, was built by the inhabitants, who gave it the name of *Portucale*, or the Port of *Cale*, which, by its prosperity, proved the origin of the present flourishing city of Porto; and the whole country from hence received the name of Portugal.

This kingdom is bounded on the north by the Spanish province of Galicia; on the east by the provinces of Leon, Estremadura, and Andalusia; and on the south and west by the Atlantic ocean: so that it is the most westerly part of the continent of Europe. It extends from $36^{\circ} 50'$ to $42^{\circ} 3'$ north latitude, and between 7° and 10° west longitude from London. Its length from Valença, the most northern town in it, to Sagres, the most southern, near Cape St. Vincent, is about 310 miles; and its greatest breadth from Peniche, a sea-port in Estremadura, to Salvaterra, on the frontiers of Spain, is 112.

The climate is much more temperate than in Spain, though it is a little different in the several provinces. The northern parts feel a kind of painful cold in winter, though this is chiefly owing to the rains which fall at that season; and in the southern the summer heats are very great. However, both winter and summer are very supportable; for cooling sea-breezes, during the latter, refresh the country, and the season of spring is extremely delightful.

Though the soil is very fruitful, agriculture is so much neglected, that above half the country lies waste, and the inhabitants are supplied with a great part of their corn by the English and Dutch, and have Indian corn from Africa. Portugal, however,
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abounds in excellent wine and oil; the greatest part of the latter is made in the province of Alentejo, for the olive-trees thrive better here, near the sea, than up in the country. Here are also abundance of oranges, lemons, figs, pomegranates, raisins, almonds, chesnuts, and other fruit. It produces great plenty of fine honey, and consequently of wax. The best honey found in the fields is almost of a white colour, and of a most agreeable flavour; and the wood-honey is more agreeable to the taste than in other countries.

As Portugal has some excellent pastures, particularly in the country about Montefrella and near Ourique, the grazing is in some places very considerable, and there are seen an uncommon number of horned cattle and sheep; but in most places it is at so low an ebb, that the greatest part of their oxen come from Spain. Their horses are not large, but very fleet; and they have fine mules, which sell for a great price. The Portuguese breed more asses than horses, the latter being clandestinely imported from Spain.

From the mountains issue several streams and small rivers, which fertilize the vallies and fields, and either join the great rivers in their course, or discharge themselves separately into the sea: but all the great rivers of Portugal have their sources in Spain. All these rivers abound in fish; and the three principal, namely the Douro, the Tagus, and the Guadiana, divide the kingdom into three parts.

With respect to the government of Portugal, the king is, in many respects, an unlimited monarch; but, on the imposition of new taxes, the settlement of the succession, and other important concerns, the consent of the cortes, or states, which consist of the clergy, the high nobility, and the ~~cortes~~ necessary. The clergy are here ~~not~~ bishops and bishops; the high marquisses, counts, viscounts

representatives of the commons are chosen by the cities and towns. Among them are also reckoned the lower nobility, and the masterships of the order of knighthood. This assembly never meets but by the king's proclamation; and though the crown is hereditary, yet the consent of the several states is necessary to the succession of a brother's children. The crown too devolves to the female line; but this right is forfeited, if they marry out of the kingdom.

The highest office is the council of state, in which all the great affairs of the kingdom are transacted, with the disposal of all ecclesiastical and temporal offices; as the nomination of all archbishops and bishops, viceroys, captain-generals, governors of the provinces, with every thing relating to peace and war, embassies, alliances, &c.

For the inferior administration of justice, each of the six provinces of the kingdom have inferior courts.

The king's revenue arises first, from the hereditary estates of the royal house of Braganza, to which belong fifty villas. Secondly, from the royal domains. Thirdly, from the customs, of which those of Lisbon are the most considerable. Fourthly, from the taxes. Fifthly, from the excise, which is very high, and paid even by the clergy. Sixthly, from the monopoly of Brazil snuff, which, in 1755, was farmed for three millions of crusadoes. Seventhly, from the coinage. Eighthly, from the sale of indulgencies, which the Pope renews to the king every three years by a special bull. Ninthly, from the grand masterships of the order of knighthood, which the king holds in his own hands. Tenthly, from the ecclesiastical tithes in foreign countries. Eleventhly, from the duty of the fifth part of all gold brought from Brazil, which annually amounts to three hundred thousand pounds sterling; and lastly, from the farm of the Brazil diamonds.

The military forces, in time of peace, when complete, amount, according to Dr. Busching, to no more

more than fourteen thousand men; and the same author observes, that the Portuguese navy in 1754, consisted only of twelve ships of war, and these but weakly manned.

The provinces of Portugal, beginning at the south-east, are the following: Estremadura, Beira, Algarve, Alentejo, Estremadura, Beira, Trazos Montes, and Entre Duro e Minho.

The Portuguese foreign dominions, which were formerly extremely considerable, are now greatly diminished.—They at present possess, in the Atlantic Ocean, the Cape de Verd Islands, St. Thome, &c. In Africa, fort Magazan on the coast of Morocco, Cacheo on the Negro coast, several forts in the kingdom of Congo, Loango, Angola, and Monomotapa; a fort in Monoemugi; the town of Mosambique in the kingdom of that name, and the town of Sofala. In Asia, the towns of Diu, Goa, Onor, Macao, &c. In America, Brazil, part of Guiana, and Paraguay.

Emanuel de Farca, a Portuguese writer, describing his countrymen, says, “The nobility think themselves gods, and require a sort of adoration; the gentry aspire to equal them; and the common people disdain to be thought inferior to either.” This pride is the characteristic both of the Spaniards and Portuguese: and here the *grandees* and their ladies carry their haughty spirit to such an extravagant height, that they stand upon the nicest punctilios with respect to rank and titles. The ladies of quality are served by their maids and slaves on the knee; and indeed the women of quality will scarcely be spoken to by mean people in any other posture: a degree of haughtiness practised in no other Christian country, and which they probably received from the Moors. But this is far from being the worst part of their character; for it is become a proverb, that a Spaniard, stripped of all his good qualities, makes a perfect Portuguese. Indeed they are generally characterized, as

being cruel, treacherous, malicious, and revengeful, both to one another and to strangers; crafty in their dealings, and the meaner sort addicted to thieving. But to this general character, there are many noble exceptions.

The Portuguese gentlemen commonly wear black, and those of the court frequently follow the French fashions.

With respect to their houses and furniture, they have usually a great many rooms on a floor. The floors and ceilings are formed of a plain white plaister, that looks like polished marble. They change their furniture and apartments according to the season of the year; and upon the lower floors of their summer apartments they usually throw water every morning, which soon dries up, and leaves a refreshing coolness. Upon these floors they spread fine mats, and cover the walls with them chair-high; above these are hung pictures and looking-glasses, and all round the rooms of the ladies apartments, cushions of silk or velvet are laid upon the mats, which they sit upon cross-legged, as hath been already observed with respect to the Spanish ladies. Between these cushions are fine tables and cabinets; and, at certain distances, vases of silver, in which are orange or jessamine-trees, and in their windows they have frames of straw-work, to keep out the scorching beams of the sun.

The houses of the nobility are crowded with domestics; but their wages are very low, they having only eight-pence or ten-pence per day to purchase diet, cloaths, and every thing else; and a gentleman belonging to a grandee has only about fifteen crowns a month, though he is obliged to dress in velvet in winter, and silk in summer. Indeed the servants lay out the greatest part of their salaries in cloaths, living upon onions, pease, beans, and other pulse. One reason of the Portuguese nobility having such a number of servants, is a custom which prevails among them, of keeping all in their pay who have served their

their ancestors; so that some of the grandees have four or five hundred of both sexes, the greatest part of whom are merely for shew, and seldom appear but on days of ceremony.

The quality, beside their ordinary servants, retain abundance of dwarfs of both sexes, who are dressed as fine as possible; they have also a number of slaves, who are Moors, and are valued at four or five hundred crowns apiece. Over these they had formerly the power of life and death; but at present the government will not permit their killing them. Where two slaves marry, their children are slaves; but if a freeman marries a slave, the children are free.

These slaves are their best servants, for the others will sometimes pride themselves on having as good blood as their masters. The very beggars rather demand than supplicate an alms, alleging their being descended from old Christians; and if you give them no money, they must be dismissed with a compliment, upon which they go away contented.

The food of the Portuguese is nearly the same with that of the Spaniards, and they are equally sober and abstemious. The men mix water with their wine, and the women generally drink only water. It is customary with the Portuguese to betake themselves to sleep about noon, on account of the heat, and to transact most of their business in the morning and evening, or even at night.

The method of travelling here is much the same as in Spain, except their having fewer coaches, and travelling more by water than the Spaniards, from their country lying along the sea-coast, and its being crossed by many great rivers that rise in Spain. The mule or the litter are generally used on a journey; their horses, which are sprightly and well mounted indeed for short visits, to prance at the windows of their mistress being stronger and surer footed, than their mountains; but have only a

Their language is a compound of the Spanish, Latin, Moorish, and French.

With respect to the religion of the Portuguese, they are the most bigotted Papists; but though the exercise of the Jewish religion be prohibited by the fundamental laws of the kingdom, yet all authors agree, that great numbers of secret Jews still remain among the Portuguese; and these too among the nobility, bishops, prebends, monks, nuns, and the very inquisitors themselves: and when unable to conceal themselves, escape to England or Holland, and there openly profess Judaism. The inquisition, which was introduced by king John III. and has since been set up in all the Portuguese dominions, except Brazil, is very active in detecting them, and those they call heretics; and are no less rigorous in punishing them. Impious, cruel, and inhuman, as this tribunal is, yet its festivals or solemn burnings, called *auto de fe*, or the act of faith, afford the highest delight to the infernal bigots, who, while their fellow-creatures are burning in the flames, cry aloud, "Oh, what great goodness! Praised be the holy office." King John IV. in some measure, however, curtailed the power of the inquisition, commanding that all its sentences should be laid before the parliament, and that the accused should be allowed council for making their defence; and enacted, that only blasphemy, sodomy, heresy, sorcery, pagan customs, and the conversion of the Jews should come under their cognizance.

The number of convents in Portugal is said to amount to nine hundred, and most of them are very rich; but the Jesuits, who in multitude and opulence surpassed all the other orders, have lately been banished.

With respect to the ecclesiastics, there is a patriarch of Lisbon, who must always be a cardinal, and of the royal family. Next to him are three archbishops, who rank with marquisses; and the first of them the archbishop of Braga, who is primate of the kingdom,

kingdom, and lord spiritual and temporal of his city and the neighbouring country. The bishops hold the rank of counts. Beside those in Europe, the Portuguese have archbishoprics and bishoprics in the other three parts of the world.

With respect to the state of learning in Portugal, it is at as low an ebb as possible. Indeed there are universities at Coimbra and Evora. At Lisbon is a royal academy for the Portuguese history; at Santarém is an academy of history, antiquities, and languages; and at St. Thomas an academy of sciences, on the same footing as that of Paris: but while bigotry continues here at its present enormous height, it is impossible for science to flourish. An Italian capuchin, in 1746, published a work in the Portuguese tongue, on the true method of study, in four volumes quarto, which he dedicated to the king of Portugal; and he there asserts, that the schools of this country are places of retreat for those errors, which by Newton and Des Cartes, were driven out of the other parts of Europe: and according to him Galilæo, Des Cartes, Newton, and Gassendi, are considered in Portugal as atheists and heretics, not to be mentioned but with some marks of execration.

The Portuguese not only neglect agriculture, but all arts and manufactures, though the country has the finest materials; the greatest part of these are disposed of unwrought to foreigners, and when worked up, are purchased again, at a high price. The Portuguese, indeed, make a little linen, a variety of straw-work, and candy several kinds of fruit, particularly oranges. They have likewise some coarse silk, and woollen manufactures; but these are trifling, and that support only a very small part of it.

The Portuguese, however, carry on a five trade; but from this they fear being obliged to vend, not only the commodities but all the merchandize and riches by settlements in other parts of the globe.

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from America, to the Europeans, particularly the English, in exchange for corn and manufactured goods of all kinds, with which they supply both Portugal and its possessions abroad. The chief commodities of the Portuguese consist of imports from their own colonies, particularly from Brazil, as tobacco, cacao-nuts, sugars, spices, drugs, ivory, ebony, brazil-wood, hides, gold, pearls, diamonds, and other valuable gems.

All sums of money are reckoned in Portugal by reis and crusadoes, which are not real, but only imaginary coins. The gold coins of Portugal are, the double moedas, of one pound seven shillings value; the quarter of which is called a millrei, or a thousand reis, and has therefore the number one thousand marked upon it: and the Johns, worth three pound twelve shillings, which are subdivided into halves, quarters, eighths, and sixteenths. The silver coins are the vintain of twenty reis; the half teston of fifty; and the whole teston of one hundred.

“ The city of Lisbon, says Mr. Clarke, built, like old Rome, on several little hills, is one of the finest views from the water that can possibly be imagined: as you approach nearer to it, the tragical effects, the havock of that dreadful earthquake, cannot but touch every beholder with sentiments of pain. After landing, we passed through some streets, near a mile in length, where the houses were all fallen on each side, and lay in that undistinguished heap of ruin, into which they sunk at the first convulsive shocks. Not that the reader is to imagine, that the greatest part of that fine city fell on that fatal morning; so far from it, that I believe, not above one fourth part of it was destroyed: for it prevailed more in one particular quarter than the rest; and there the detolation was almost universal, scarce an house or building that was not thrown down. In the other parts of the city, some single ill-conditioned, or ruinous buildings fell, but the rest stood.—And there

is scarce a street but you will see shores and prop fixed to the buildings on each side, to prevent their falling even now; they having suffered so much from the shock they had received.—Considering how much time has elapsed since the earthquake, very little has been rebuilt in proportion.—They have built a custom-house, an arsenal, a theatre, and some few other buildings. All agree, that the fire occasioned infinitely more havock than the earthquake. Thousand of the inhabitants, unhappily, in the first confusion of their fear, taking the ill-judged step of thronging into the churches, the doors of which being some times shut by the violence of the crowd, and some times locked by mistake, when the fire seized the roofs of those buildings, these unhappy sufferers were most of them destroyed; some by sheets of lead that poured like a molten deluge upon their heads, others mangled by the fall of the roofs, and the rest burnt alive. Imagination can scarcely form a scene of confusion, horror, and death more dreadful than this.—After the shocks were over, the fire continued burning for many weeks; and it is thought was one principal cause of their escaping the plague as the putrefaction of the bodies was by that means much less.—The calculation of the number that perished, as they kept no registers, must be in great measure conjectural; but that thousands and tens of thousands were destroyed, there is no doubt. The morning on which it happened was most remarkably serene and pleasant, particularly about 10 o'clock and in one quarter more, all was involved in this dreadful scene of terror and destruction.—At this event produced many changes, those among the commercial parts of the city were not the least remarkable. One who yesterday was at the brink of a bankruptcy, found himself to-day cleared; and hundreds, who had been in a state of poverty, as soon as they had received

panic and dismay, saw want and poverty stare them in the face.

The calamities of Portugal in general, and those of the city of Lisbon in particular, within the space of so few years, cannot, I think, be paralleled in all history.—An earthquake; a fire, a famine, an assassination-plot against their prince; executions upon executions, the scaffolds and wheels for torture reeking with the noblest blood; imprisonment after imprisonment, of the greatest and most distinguished personages; the expulsion of a chief order of ecclesiastics; the invasion of their kingdom by a powerful, stronger, and exasperated nation; the numerous troops of the enemy laying waste their territory, bringing fire and sword with them, and rolling, like distant thunder, toward the gates of their capital; their prince ready almost to save himself by flight.—The Spanish ministry had already decreed the doom of Portugal, and nothing was to be heard at the Escurial, but *delenda est Carthago*. Carthaginian, perhaps, or Jewish story, may possibly afford a scene something like this; but, for the shortness of the period, not so big with events, though in their final destruction superior. From that, indeed, under the hand of Providence, the national humanity and generosity of Great Britain has preserved the Portuguese: and it remains now to be seen, in future treaties, how that people will express their gratitude.

Those who are able to search deeper into human affairs, may assign the causes of such a wonderful chain of events; for my own part, I cannot ascribe all this to so singular a cause as that which a Spaniard hath done, in a famous pamphlet, printed lately at Madrid, and which the baron de Wassenauer sent me this summer. It is intitled, *A Spanish Prophecy*, and endeavours to shew, that all these calamities have befallen the Portuguese, solely because of their connection with the heretic English. The great

and governor of the world undoubtedly acts by universal laws, regarding the whole system, and cannot, without blasphemy, be considered in the light of a partizan. The rest of the pamphlet tends to shew, that his catholic majesty carried his arms into Portugal, solely to give them liberty, and set them free from English tyranny.

Some of the churches, the arsenal, the theatre, and above all, the aqueduct at Lisbon, deserve the attention of every traveller; the center arch, for its height, being one of the noblest, perhaps, in Europe. One thing is remarkable, that during the earthquake this building stood the attack, though it received so much shock, as that many of the key-stones fell several inches, and hang now only because a small part of the base of the key-stone was caught by the center's closing again.

The theatre is an elegant building, and judiciously disposed; their actors excel in the mute pantomime; they played the *maestro di scuola* incomparably well; the scenes had sentiment, character, connection with one another, and carried on the general design. Though the scenery and machines of our theatres are admirable, yet our pantomime farces seem to have little or no meaning. Nor do I much wonder at it; Mr. Garrick, who is certainly the greatest actor that ever trod the stage, must be too warm an admirer of Shakespeare and Nature, to have any relish for these extravagancies, and therefore cannot stoop to give much of his attention to them.

The streets of Lisbon are cleaner than those of Madrid, but disagreeable, from the continual ascents and descents you are obliged to make. Most of the houses have the *jalousie*, or lattice. The women, though more beautiful, are not so much seen in public as the Spanish, and their head-dress is much prettier. There are few fires in chimnies in the rooms at Lisbon; the want of them is supplied by wearing a cloak

a cloak constantly in the house, or perhaps by a brazier; though the cold is sometimes very piercing.

The view of the Tagus, from those windows of the town which command it, is remarkably pleasing: the bear-cods, or small boats, which sail with any wind or tide, and are continually passing; the river crowded with shipping of all nations; the coming in of a Bahia or Brasil fleet; the opening of the river toward the bar, with the castle of Belem on the right, the king's palace, and the castle of St. Julian's on the left; all together form a fine and agreeable view. The passage of the bar is sometimes very dangerous, either in coming in or going out of the river, by the bank of sand which is thrown up by the winds and sea. We passed it, however, with no difficulty, on the 19th of January, landed at Falmouth on the 28th, and arrived at London the 5th of February, 1762."

The trade of this place, and the navigation to and from it, is so very considerable, that the custom-house which lies on the Tagus, is the principal source of the king's European revenues; and this is the grand magazine of all the goods which the Portuguese fetch from their foreign colonies. The harbour is very large, deep, secure, and convenient; and has two entrances, that on the north, called the Corredor, lies between the sand-bank, the rock of Cachopos, and fort St. Julian: the southern entrance, which is much broader and very convenient, is between Cachopos and the fort of St. Laurence. The city is walled round, having seventy-seven towers on the walls, and thirty-six gates. It has so increased by degrees, particularly toward the west, that the old walls now divide the two dioceses. In the center of the city, on one of the hills, stands a citadel that commands the whole place, and has caverns in it, in which four regiments of foot are constantly quartered. Close by the sea, at the distance of about ten miles

miles from the city, both the entrances to the harbour are defended by two forts; that on the north stands on a rock in the sea, and is called St. Julian; the other to the south is built on piles, on a sand-bank, and is named St. Laurence, but is more commonly called Bogio. Two Portuguese miles from St. Julian, and one from Lisbon, stands the fort of Belem, which commands the entrance into the city, where the masters of all ships coming up the Tagus must bring to, and give an account of themselves; and directly opposite to it, on the south side, is the fort of St. Sebastian, commonly called the Old Fort, which stands on the angle of a mountain, along which, a little way on the other side of the city, the passage is defended from the beginning of the harbour by a chain of twelve forts.

If a view of Lisbon is taken from the river, or from the opposite shore, it affords an admirable prospect; for the city being built in the form of a crescent, and the palace, churches, convents, and other buildings rising gradually from the river, one above another, we command the whole city at one prospect.

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The view of the Tagus, from those windows of the town which command it, is remarkably pleasing: the bean-cods, or small boats, which sail with any wind or tide, and are continually passing; the river crowded with shipping of all nations; the coming in of a Bahia or Brasil fleet; the opening of the river toward the bar, with the castle of Belem on the right, the king's palace, and the castle of St. Julian's on the left; all together form a fine and agreeable view. The passage of the bar is sometimes very dangerous, either in coming in or going out of the river, by the bank of sand which is thrown up by the winds and sea. We passed it, however, with no difficulty, on the 19th of January, landed at Fal-mouth on the 28th, and arrived at London the 5th of February, 1762."

The trade of this place, and the navigation to and from it, is so very considerable, that the custom-house which lies on the Tagus, is the principal source of the king's European revenues; and this is the grand magazine of all the goods which the Portuguese fetch from their foreign colonies. The harbour is very large, deep, secure, and convenient; and has two entrances, that on the north, called the Corredor, lies between the sand-bank, the rock of Cachopos, and fort St. Julian: the southern entrance, which is much broader and very convenient, is between Cachopos and the fort of St. Laurence. The city is walled round, having seventy-seven towers on the walls, and thirty-six gates. It has so increased by degrees, particularly toward the west, that the old walls now divide the two dioceses. In the center of the city, on one of the hills, stands a citadel that commands the whole place, and has caverns in which four regiments of foot are constantly quartered. Close by the sea, at the distance of, ab

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seven, and sets at twelve minutes after four. At the summer solstice, when the day is at the greatest length, this order is reversed, and the sun rises at Astrakhan at twelve minutes after four, and sets at about forty minutes after seven; and at Archangel rises at thirty-six minutes after one, and sets at twenty-four minutes after ten.

It is a common observation, that the eastern countries are much colder in winter, and hotter in summer, than the western that lie in the same latitude; this is particularly true with respect to Russia: for the river Neva, at Petersburgh, is in some years covered with ice so early as the 24th of October, and in other years, when latest, about the end of November; but it generally thaws by the 26th of April, old style.

The reader cannot fail of being pleased with seeing the progress of the seasons at Petersburgh, which is situated in 59° of latitude; as given by Mr. Hanway.

February generally brings with it a bright sun and a clear sky; every object seems to glitter with gems, and the nerves become braced by the cold. There is then no small amusement in riding in sledges upon the snow, to those who, from the length of the winter, have forgot the much superior pleasure which nature presents when clothed in all her verdure. March is frequently attended with showers, which, with the heat of the sun, penetrate the ice: this is generally three quarters of a yard thick on the Neva, and in some great rivers to the north-east much thicker. This renders it like an honey-comb, and about the end of that month it usually breaks up. The month of April is frequently very warm; summer seems to precede the spring; for it is sometimes the 1st of June before any considerable verdure appears, and then the intense heat brings it on so fast that the eye can discover its progress from the day. Till the middle of July it seems to be continued day, the sun not entirely disappearing.

two hours in the twenty-four. September generally brings rain and frost; the severity of both is increased in October; and in November the Neva is always frozen. Then comes on the season for the easy and speedy conveyance on the snow, which brings fresh provisions to market, a thousand English miles by land; when the beef of Archangel is often eaten at Petersburg. In December and January the cold is so very intense, that the poor who are overtaken by liquor, or exposed to the air in open places, are frequently frozen to death. But the abundance of birch and alders with which the Russians are supplied, and the commodiousness of their stoves, enable them to introduce any degree of heat into their houses.

Not one-tenth of the Russian empire is sufficiently peopled, and not a tenth part of it properly cultivated: for, notwithstanding its prodigious extent, the number of inhabitants who pay the poll-tax, is computed only at five millions one hundred thousand; and the rest, including the females, amount to about ten millions, exclusive of the inhabitants of the conquered provinces.

The principal rivers of Russia are as follow: the Wolga, in Latin *Volga*, which has its source in the forest of Wolconski, and is one of the largest rivers in the world; for it runs a course of above two thousand miles before it falls into the Caspian sea. Its banks are generally fertile, and though not sufficiently cultivated, on account of the frequent incursions of the Tartars; yet the soil naturally produces all kinds of esculent herbs, and in particular asparagus, of a very extraordinary size and goodness. It receives several considerable rivers, among which are the Occa and Cama, and discharges itself through several mouths into the Caspian sea, by which means it forms many islands. The Don, the Tanais of the ancients, called Tuna or Duna by the Tartars, has its source not far from Tula in the Iwanki or St. John's Lake. It first runs from north

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and after its conflux with the Sosna, directs its course from west to east, and in several large windings, again runs from north to south; but at length dividing into three channels, falls into the sea of Asoph. The Don, in its course, approaches so near the Wolga, that in one place the distance between them is but one hundred and forty wersts, or about eighty English miles. The Dwina is a very large river, the name signifies Double, it being formed by the conflux of the Sukona and the Yug. This river divides itself into two branches or channels near Archangel, from whence it runs into the White Sea.

The Nieper, the ancient Borysthenes, arises from a morass in the forest of Wolconski, about 120 miles above Smolenski, and forms several windings through Lithuania, Little Russia, the country of the Zaporossians, and a tract inhabited by the Nagaians and Tartars: and after forming a marshy lake of sixty wersts in length, and in many places two, four, or even ten wersts in breadth, discharges itself into the Black Sea. The banks on this river are on both sides generally high, and the soil excellent; but in summer the water is not very wholesome. The Nieper has no less than thirteen water-falls within the space of sixty wersts; yet in spring during the land-floods, empty vessels may be hauled over them. There is but one bridge over this river, and that is a floating one, at Kiew, one thousand six hundred thirty-eight paces in length. This bridge is taken away about the end of September, to give the flakes of ice a free passage down the river, and is again put together in spring. There are to be seen on this river a great number of mills erected in boats.

The lake of Ladoga, situated between the gulph of Finland and the lake of Onega, is esteemed the largest lake in Europe, and is supposed to exceed any other for its plenty of fish, among which are seals. It is 150 miles in length, and 90 in breadth. This lake is full of quick-sands, which being m-

From place to place, by the frequent storms to which it is subject, cause several shelves along its course, which often prove fatal to the flat-bottomed vessels of the Russians. This induced Peter the Great to cause a canal, near seventy English miles in length, seventy feet in breadth, and ten or eleven deep, to be cut at a vast expence from the south-west extremity of this lake to the sea. This great work was begun in the year 1718, and though vigorously prosecuted, was not compleated till the year 1732, in the reign of the empress Anne. This canal has twenty-five sluices upon it, and several rivers run into it. At the distance of every werst along its banks, is a pillar marked with the number of wersts; and it is the constant employment of a regiment of soldiers to keep the canal in repair.

The most fertile part of Russia is near the frontiers of Poland, where the inhabitants are able to supply their neighbours with corn. The northern parts are not only extremely cold, but marshy, and over-run with forests, chiefly inhabited by wild beasts. Beside domestic animals, there are in Russia wild beeves, rein-deer, martens, white and black foxes, ermines, and sables, whose skins make the best furs in the world; as also hyenas or gluttons, bears and wolves.

Before the time of Peter the Great, the Russians were little better than savages; but that wise prince, by incredible application, and a proper mixture of severity and mildness, wrought so happy a change in their manners, as in a great measure set them on a level with the other civilized nations of Europe.

The Russians are, for the most part, of the middle stature, though many of them are tall and comely. The common people are fond of their ancient customs; and though the majority of them have been gradually brought to submit to modern improvements, many chuse to suffer great inconveniences, and to pay additional taxes, rather than cut off their

beards, and conform to some regulations with respect to religion.

The Russian women are extremely fond of paint, and consider a ruddy complexion as the very essence of beauty; so that in the Russian language, red and beautiful are synonymous terms. Even the poorer sort among the women, in order to mend their complexion, will beg money to buy paint. By this means they daub themselves so much, as to conceal the graces which nature may be presumed to have bestowed on them: for they generally profess, that if they had sufficient plumpness, they can procure themselves beauty. The dress of the common people in Russia is mean; they are clothed with long coats, made of dressed sheep-skins, with the wool round their bodies; their legs and feet are swaddled with a coarse cloth, secured by a cord of beads; and their sandals are of the same materials; their caps are lined with fur, and cover the ears and neck, as well as the head: they wear sashes round their waists, and double gloves, one of woollen, and the other of leather, which take in the hand without any distinction, except the thumb, and these are an essential part of their clothing. However, people of any rank generally dress as we do in England, except wearing a full great-coat lined with fur, with a deep quilted or fur-lined cap, when they go abroad. The women of the lower class, beside their petticoats, wear sheep-skins like the men; but those who move in a higher sphere, wear flowered silk-cloaks, lined with furs. Persons of both sexes hang on their breast a cross, which is put on when they are baptized, and this they never lay aside as long as they live. The crosses of the peasants are of lead; but those worn by persons of wealth, are of gold or silver. The Russians seldom fail of bathing twice a week; for which purpose; almost every house-keeper is provided with a bath; and he that has none of his own, goes to those that are public. It is remarkable, that they

often fall out naked from the warm bath, run about in the cold, roll themselves in the snow, and then plunge again into the warm water; and this vicissitude of heat and cold they consider as beneficial to the constitution, by rendering them hardy and robust.

The most usual method of building, both in the towns and country villages, is to lay one beam of wood upon another, and fastening them at the four corners, fill up the crevices between the beams with moss. The house is afterward covered with shingles, and holes are made in the timber for doors and windows. A brick stove or large oven is commonly made in the houses of the peasants, and takes up a fourth part of the area: this is flat at the top, and boarded; upon it, and on a kind of shelves round the room, the whole family sleep without beds.

Their furniture consists of three benches, an oblong table, and the picture of a saint or two. Instead of candles or lamps, the Russian peasants usually burn long splinters of deal. The apartments are as black as so many chimnies; for the fire-hearth being within the stove above-mentioned, which has no other vent for the smoke but into the room, the walls are covered with soot. It is no sooner dark, than the houses swarm with a species of insects, called tarakans, which are a kind of goat-chaffers. The best method of keeping them out is burning a light in the room till break of day.

The insatiable eagerness of the common people after spirituous liquors, and other strong drink, especially in the carnival time, is in a great measure owing to the severity of the winter, the rigorous fasts they observe, and the slender diet they live upon throughout the year. Their food chiefly consists of turnips, cabbage, pease, large cucumbers, onions, and coarse ill-tasted fish. Their drink is quas, a kind of small mead; and even among the gentry, brandy always makes a part of every repast. Among the lower class, it is generally the men who give themselves

selves up to these excesses, though it is not uncommon to see at Petersburg a drunken woman staggering along the streets. Some authors indeed say, that drunkenness is so far from being considered as a crime, that they make it part of their religion, and that they do not think they have kept a holiday as they ought, if they are not drunk before night. Mr. Perry affirms, that if you pass through Moscow on a holiday, you will see both priests and people lie drunk upon the ground; and if you go to help one of them up, he will tell you, by way of excuse, "It is a holiday." He adds, that their ladies of quality are so little ashamed of drinking to excess, that they will frankly acknowledge their having been very drunk, and return thanks for the favour to their friends who made them so.

Not only the common people, but the whole nation, are much more used to fish than flesh; for their fasts take up near two-thirds of the year, during which they are absolutely prohibited by their religion to taste of animal food; which is observed with the utmost strictness.

A person may travel cheap, and with great expedition in Russia, both in summer and winter: the post-roads leading to the chief towns are very exactly measured, with the wersts marked, and the post-stages fixed at proper distances; for throughout the whole empire, and even in Siberia, a pillar, inscribed with the number of wersts, is erected at the end of each. The expence of travelling in this manner, is so easy, that between Riga and Petersburg, the hire of a post-horse for every werst is no more than two copeiks and a half, which is one penny three farthings sterling; between Novogrod and Petersburg only one copeik; and between Novogrod and Moscow but half a copeik. Nothing can be more accommodated to ease and dispatch than travelling in sledges during the winter, when the

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in the journey Mr. Hanway made in 1734, he rode from Moscow to Peterburgh, in Sept. and Oct. 1734, without waking, while he covered the distance of 250 English miles. The whole road between these two cities was marked out in the form of a long street, planted on both sides, at the distance of twenty yards, which, at a moderate computation, amounts to 128 400 trees. At certain distances were also great piles of wood, to be set on fire, in order to give light to the emperor and his court, if they were by in the night. On each side of the road, the majesty is drawn in a kind of house, with a feather bed, a table, and other conveniences, where four persons may take a repose. This house is covered, which has a sloping roof, and has a chimney to keep out the cold, is fixed on a sleigh, and drawn by twenty-four post-horses, and is ready to start on the road, others are ready to stop, if they please. Our author observes, that the late emperor was generally no more than three days and nights on the way, notwithstanding her having several long passages, which she sometimes found it difficult to pass, though the distance is 250 English miles. Peter the Great once made the journey in forty-six hours, but he did not travel in the same carriage. Mr. B. is also of opinion, that it is not uncommon to go a journey of seven or seventy-two hours; and that a carriage, or sleigh, drawn by a pair of post-horses, for such a journey, may be hired for fourteen or fifteen rubles.

The Russian language is a mixture of the Slavonian, but as preserved in the most barbarous manner, and, with some few additions, is a very different language with a great number of words, which are not to be found in any of the languages of Europe. It is a mixture of several languages, and is a very different language from any of the languages of Europe, but as the language is very different, it is not found in the Slavonian language, and is not found in several Hebrew languages, and is not found in any of the languages of the East. In the Russian empire various names are used, and are not found in any of the languages of Europe.

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covite, the Novogrodian, the Ukrainian, and that of Archangel.

The Russians profess the religion of the Greek church, which was first embraced by the great duchess Olga, sovereign of Russia, in the 955th year after the birth of Christ. The external part of their religion consists in the number and severity of their fasts, in which they far exceed the Romish church. Their usual weekly fasts are on Wednesdays and Fridays. In lent, they neither eat flesh, milk, eggs, nor butter, but confine themselves to vegetables, bread, and fish fried in oil.

The Russians are great enemies to the worship of graven images, and yet are so absurdly inconsistent, that, in their private devotions, they kneel before a picture of our Saviour, the Virgin Mary, St. Nicholas, or some other saint, which is an indispensable piece of furniture in their closet. To this they bow several times, making the sign of the cross with their thumb, fore-finger, and third-finger, on the breast, forehead, and shoulders; at the same time repeating, in a low voice, the Lord's Prayer, and some short ejaculations; particularly, "Lord be merciful to me." Indeed they seldom pass by a church without uttering of these words, at the same time bowing and crossing themselves, without paying the least regard to any person who happens to be present.

Many of the common people, and even some persons of rank, either by way of penance, or from other motives of humiliation, prostrate themselves on their faces at the entrance of the churches; and those who are conscious of having contracted any impurity, forbear entering the church, but stand at the door. The church bells are often rung; and as ringing is counted a branch of devotion, the towns are provided with a great number of bells, which make, as it were, a continual chiming. The divine service is entirely performed in the Sclavonian tongue, which the people do not understand, as it is very different from the modern Russian; and this service consists

of abundance of trifling ceremonies, long singing, and prayers; all which are performed by the priests, the congregation only repeating, "be merciful to me." They sometimes ask a lesson from one of the fathers; but there are few sermons in which sermons are ever delivered, and those they preach but seldom.

There are a great number of convents for the religious of both sexes in the Russian empire; and it is prudently ordered, that no person should be allowed to enter on a monastic life before fifty years of age; but this regulation has been repeated since the year 1763, it being thought proper to shew a greater consideration to the monasteries: however, no man is permitted to turn monk till he is thirty, nor a woman to turn nun till she is fifty; and even this was without the express approbation and license of the higher clergy.

Learning was but little known in the reign of Peter the Great; but that monarch compared neither expense nor trouble to the gain of ignorance which attended the want of it. To inspire his subjects with a taste for the arts and sciences he founded an academy of sciences at Moscow and a seminary at Petersburg; while, upon his travels in the different parts of his empire, he erected schools of learning from Hungary, Germany, France, the Hollands, to Italy at Petersburg, collected a great number of books; and encouraged his subjects to travel into those countries from whence they were flourished. These and his other policies were continued after his death, and the emperor, who had erected an university at Moscow, and a seminary at

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leather, which had been long practised by them; but they were entirely unacquainted with the more ingenious mechanic arts. Great numbers of excellent artificers, invited by Peter the Great, settling in his dominions, the Russians shewed that, with proper instructions, they did not want the capacity of being taught; and they have now flourishing manufactures of several kinds.

Russia affords a variety of articles of commerce, that are of great use to foreigners; and, as the exports of this country far exceed its imports, the balance of trade is considerably in its favour. The Russian home commodities are fables and black furs; the skins of blue and white foxes, ermines, hyenas, linxes, squirrels, bears, panthers, wolves, martins, wild cats, white hares, &c. Likewise Russia leather, copper, iron, ising-glass, tallow, pitch, tar, linseed oil, train oil, rosin, honey, wax, potash, salt-fish, hemp, flax, thread, calimancoes, Russia linen, sail-cloth, mats, castor, Siberian musk, mamonts teeth and bones, as they are called; soap, feathers, hogs bristles, timber, &c. to which may be added the Chinese goods, rhubarb, and other drugs, with which the Russians partly furnish the rest of Europe.

The trade to China is chiefly carried on by caravans, and partly by private adventures. The most valuable commodities, and those in the greatest quantity, carried by the Russians to China are furs; in return for which they bring back gold, tea, silks, cotton, &c. The trade to Persia, by the way of Astracan and the Caspian sea, is considerable; and the returns are made in raw silks and silk stuffs. The trade with the Calmucs, which is entirely in private hands, consists of all kinds of iron and copper utensils; in return for which they receive cattle, provisions, and sometimes gold and silver; but this trade is of no great importance. The trade to Bochara, one of the chief towns of Uibec Tartary, is either for ready money or by bartering of goods for cured lamb skins, Indian silks, and sometimes gems brought to the yearly fair

of Siberia. The extent of the Commerce and all kinds of provisions to the Great Tartars, and carry on a trade with the Great Merchants of Constantinople. The extension of New trade is chiefly in cattle and Russia leather.

The English enjoyed considerable privileges in trade so early as the reign of the Great Ivan Baibowitz, to whom captain Chancellor delivered a letter from Edward VI. in 1553, and received a licence of trade, which was renewed by Peter the Great. In 1741, a treaty of commerce was concluded between Russia and England, by which it was stipulated, that the English should be allowed the privilege of sending goods through Russia into Persia: but captain Elton, an Englishman, having entered into the service of Nadir Shah, and built ships on the Caspian sea for that monarch, the Russians, together with the troubles in Persia, put a stop to this trade. The English, however, still carry on a considerable trade with Russia, which exceeds that of any other nation.

The Dutch carry on the greatest trade, next to the English, with the Russians. Bills of exchange are drawn at Peterburgh on Amsterdam only; on which account the traders of other countries, who give commission for buying Russian commodities at Peterburgh, are obliged to procure credit, or to have proper funds at Amsterdam.

The trade to Peterburgh is now carried to a great height, for the number of ships which entered that port in 1751 from England, Holland, France, Norway, Denmark, Lubec, Hamburgh, Bremen, Rostock, Kiel, Prussia, Sweden, and Dantzic, amounted to two hundred and ninety. Indeed there is no nation in the world more inclined to commerce than the Russians are at present; but they are so full of chicanery and art, that a foreigner cannot be too much in his challenge with them.

All the Russian copies, descriptions of the Russian way, Imperial edicts, and the

ruble, the value of which rises and falls according to the course of exchange. A ruble in Russia is equal to an hundred copeiks, or four shillings and sixpence sterling. The other silver coins are half rubles, which are called poltinnics and quarter rubles. A graphe, or griwe, is of the value of ten copeiks; and ten griwes are equal to a ruble. The copper coins are a copeik, which is of the value of about a halfpenny; a denga, or denushka, two of which make a copeik; and a polushka, which is a quarter of a copeik. There are no other foreign pieces current in Russia than ducats, Holland rixdollars, and Albert dollars.

The antient sovereigns of Russia stiled themselves great dukes, and afterward czars; but Peter the Great assumed the title of emperor, and that title is now given him by all Europe. The titles of the emperor at full length are, Emperor and sole sovereign of all the Russias, sovereign lord of Moscow, Kiow, Wlodymiria, Novogrod; czar in Casan, Astracan, and Siberia; lord of Pleskow; great duke of Smolensko; duke of Esthonia, Livonia, and Carelia; of Tweria, Ingria, Pernia, Wiatkia, Bulgaria, and lord of several other territories; great duke of Novogrod, in the low country of Tshernickow, Refan, Rostow, Iaroslawa, Bielo-fero, Uldoria, Obdoria, Condinia; emperor of all the northern parts; lord of the territory of Juweria; of the Carthalianian, Grewzinian, and Georgian czars; of the Kabardinian, Circassian, and Gorian princes; and lord and supreme ruler of many other countries and territories.

Since the reign of Iwan Basilowitz, the arms of Russia have been, or, an eagle displayed sable, holding a golden scepter and monde in his talons: over the eagle's head are three crowns, and on its breast is a shield, with the arms of Moscow in the center, surrounded by six others, which are those of Astrakhan, Casan, Kiow, and Wlodymiria.

The power of the Russian emperor is as absolute and as possible. Peter the Great published a law, which the succession was entirely to depend

depend on the will and pleasure of the reigning sovereign; and this is the only written fundamental law in relation to the succession.

The Russian court has always been very numerous and magnificent, it being filled, particularly on solemn occasions, by the bojars or privy counsellors; and by the nobles and gentry, who are obliged to pay a constant attendance, by titles of honour and distinction, without any salary: as the carvers, who are always two of the first nobility, and whose employment is esteemed extremely honourable; the sewers, who carry messages of importance, receive ambassadors, &c. and the gentlemen of the bed-chamber. These two last titles are given to a great number of persons, and descend from father to son, though they are generally confirmed by the prince; and lastly, by the chief merchants.

The revenues of the Russian empire are variously computed, some reckoning that they amount to sixty millions of rubles, others to twenty millions, and others again to no more than eight millions a year: but Mr. Voltaire says, that, according to the Russian finances in 1725, they amounted to thirteen millions of rubles, reckoning only the taxes and duties paid in money, exclusive of what is paid in kind; and he adds, that this sum was then sufficient to maintain three hundred and thirty-nine thousand five hundred soldiers and sailors; and that both the revenue and troops have increased since. It is, however, very certain, that the imperial revenues bear no proportion to the vast extent of the Russian dominions; that they do not all consist of ready money, the country in many places furnishing recruits for the army instead of it; and most of the inhabitants of Siberia pay their tribute in furs.

According to the state of the Russian forces drawn up by Van Hoven in the year 1746, the army then consisted of two hundred and forty-six thousand four hundred and ninety-four regulars, and a hundred and twenty thousand irregulars. The fleet consisted of

twenty-four ships of the line, seven frigates, three bomb-ketches, and two flat boats, beside the galley fleet at Petersburgh, consisting of a hundred and two gallies. The fleet has continued pretty nearly the same since that time; for though some new ships have been built, others have become unfit for service. The men of war are laid up at Revel and Cronstadt, and the gallies at Peterburgh. The Russians indeed have no very good harbour in the Baltic; the water at Cronstadt, by being too fresh, does considerable damage to the ships that lie there; beside, the mouth of the harbour is too narrow, and surrounded with rocks and dangerous sands, and is seldom clear of ice before the end of May: nor have they now any constant fleet in the Caspian sea.

The government of Moscow is the best cultivated and the most populous in the whole empire, and may be called the garden of Russia. It contains eleven

provinces, the principal places in which are the city of Moscow and Yaroslavl.

Moscow, the antient capital of the Russian empire, and the residence of the czars, is situated in the circle of its own name, in $55^{\circ} 40'$ latitude, and 38° east longitude; 1414 miles north-east of London. It stands in a pleasant plain on the banks of the river Moskwa, from which it derives its name. Mr. Hanway says, that river runs through it, and, making many windings, adds a very striking beauty to the city; but in summer it is in many places shallow and unnavigable. Several eminences, interspersed with groves, gardens, and lawns, form the most delightful prospects. It is built somewhat after the eastern manner, it having but few regular streets, and a great number of houses with gardens. The number of the churches in the city is computed at sixteen hundred, among which are eleven cathedrals, and two hundred and seventy-one parish churches; the rest either belong to convents, or may be considered as private chapels. Near the churches are hung up several

veral large bells, which are kept continually chiming. One of these is of a stupendous size, and, our author observes; affords a surprising proof of the folly of those who caused it to be made; but the Russians have from time immemorial been extremely fond of great bells. This bell is 443772 pounds weight, and was cast in the reign of the empress Anne: but the beam on which it hung being burnt, it fell, and a large piece is broke out of it. Many of the churches have gilt steeples; and are magnificently decorated within with paintings; but indeed most of these are miserable daubings, without shade or perspective.

The number of public edifices and squares at Moscow amount to forty-three. The mean houses are indeed much more numerous than those that are well built; the latter are, however, daily increasing; but, as only a part of the streets is paved, they are very dirty.

The city is divided into four circles, one within another. The interior circle, or the Kremelin, which signifies a fortress, contains the following remarkable buildings: the old imperial palace, pleasure-house, and stables, a victualling-house, the palace which formerly belonged to the patriarch, nine cathedrals, five convents, four parish churches, the arsenal; with the public colleges, and other offices. All the churches in the Kremelin have beautiful spires, most of them gilt, or covered with silver. The architecture is in the Gothic taste; but the inside of the churches richly ornamented. From the above circle you pass over a handsome stone bridge into the second, which is called Kitaigorod, or the Chinese-town. There are here five streets, two cathedrals, eighteen parish churches, four convents, thirteen noblemen's houses, and nine public edifices: these are the chief dispensary, from which place the whole empire is supplied with medicines: the mint, which is a superb structure: a magazine, or ware-house, to which all goods are brought before they have paid duty: the custom-house: the ambaf-

sador's palace, which is now converted into a silk manufactory: a printing-house: a court of judicature: the physic garden, and the exchange. The third circle surrounds the former, and is named Belgorod, or the white Town, from a white wall with which it is encompassed. It is also called the Czar's Town. It includes seventy-six parish churches, seven abbeys, eleven convents, and nine public edifices: these are two palaces, a cannon foundery, two markets, a brewhouse, a magazine of provisions, the salt-fish harbour, and the Basil garden. At the timber-market are sold new wooden houses, which may be taken to pieces and put together again, where the purchaser pleases.

The fourth circle, called Semlanoigorod, that is, a town surrounded with ramparts of earth, incloses the three preceding parts, and its ramparts include an area of great extent. The entrance was formerly by thirty-four gates of timber, and two of stone; but at present only the two last are standing. Over one of these gates is a mathematical school, and an observatory. This circle contains a hundred and three parish churches, two convents, an imperial stable, an arsenal for artillery, a mint, a magazine for provisions, and a cloth manufactory. Round these principal parts of the city lie the suburbs, which are of great extent, and contain sixty parish churches and ten convents.

The number of inhabitants are supposed to amount to about a hundred and fifty thousand.

Moscow has greatly declined since the building of Petersburgh, and its being made the seat of the empire. It has often suffered by fires, and in 1737, 1748, and 1752, a considerable part of it was reduced to ashes, especially by the last fire, which consumed above half the city, together with the noble dispensary and the czarina's stables. But the houses are always soon rebuilt after such a calamity, they being for the most part formed of very mean materials.

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We shall now give a particular description of Petersburg, one of the capitals of the Russian empire. The beginning and increase of this great city were very extraordinary; for, till the year 1703, the only buildings on the spot where it stands were two small fishing-huts. But Peter the Great having in that year taken the town of Nyenshanze, seated on the Neva, and made himself master of this country, its commodious situation for the Baltic trade induced him to build a town and fortress here, and he immediately began to put his project in execution.

It was indeed first designed only for a place of arms, to which all kinds of military stores might be conveniently brought from the interior parts of the empire, by which means the war with Sweden might be carried on with more vigour and dispatch. Hence the public edifices and private houses were built only with timber, and neither the dock nor the town had any other fortifications than a mean rampart of earth, nor were the streets paved. But the victory at Pultowa, and the conquest of Livonia, inspired Peter with the hopes of being able to preserve his conquest, and to render Petersburg the capital of his empire. His fondness for maritime affairs, a desire of perpetuating his name by having it called by that of St. Peter, and his aversion to Moscow, where, in his younger years, he had received much ill treatment, were the chief motives that induced him to lay the foundation of a new city that might become the capital of his dominions.

Peter had no sooner formed this design, than he ordered the castle to be built of stone, the admiralty to be walled in with the same materials, and all the buildings to be erected in a more handsome and durable manner.

In 1714 he removed the council to Petersburg, and noble edifices were erected in a straight line for the public offices, which, in 1718, were also removed thither. The principal families of Russia were likewise ordered to reside there, and build houses accord-

ing to their abilities. But this occasioned some irregularity in the buildings; for the nobility and burghers had been directed to build their houses on the island of Petersburgh, and many public and private structures were accordingly erected there; but, in 1721, the emperor determined that the whole town should stand on the island of Wasil. The streets were marked out, canals were dug, the island was fortified with 57 bastions, and the nobility were to begin their houses a second time: but the death of the emperor put a stop to the execution of his plan: and the stone buildings that had been erected went to ruin.

The Russian nobility were naturally averse to settle in Petersburgh, as they could neither live there so cheap, nor so commodiously as at Moscow. The country about Petersburgh is not very fertile, so that provisions are brought thither from a great distance, and must be paid for in ready money: which was no small grievance to the nobility, who chiefly subsisted on the produce of their estates; but venison abounded in each. Besides, Moscow seemed much fitter for being the imperial seat, as it is in the centre of the empire, from whence justice might be more easily administered, and the national revenue be received and disbursed with more convenience and dispatch. But, Petersburgh seemed to them to lie too near the borders of Sweden. However, this city in the reign of Peter I. became large and splendid, and under his successors received additional improvements, so that it is now ranked among the largest and most elegant cities in Europe.

Petersburgh is partly seated on the continent of Ingria and Finland, among thick woods, and partly on several small islands formed by the branches of the Neva, in 59° 57' north latitude, and 31° east longitude from London. The low and marshy soil on which it stands has been considerably raised with earth, of trees, earth, and stone. However, its situation is pleasant, and the air salubrious. The city is 12 English miles in length, and as many in breadth.

breadth. The river Neva is about eight hundred paces broad, and near Petersburgh; but has not every where a proportionable depth of water, so that large merchant ships are cleared at Cronstadt, and the men of war built at Petersburgh are also conveyed thither by means of certain machines called camels.

It is ranged on both sides of the Neva, extending near two English miles from east to west. At the upper end of the north side is the citadel, which is more famous for the number of lives it cost in building, than for its strength. It contains a stately church, in which are deposited the remains of its founder, Peter the Great, and his empress Catharine; and it is also a prison for offenders against the state. The city has neither walls nor gates; but the marshy land near it to the north and south, and the gulph of Finland to the east, render it difficult of approach for an army. As Peter the Great took Amsterdam for his model, it is divided by several canals; but from the reluctance with which it was originally begun by his subjects, and from errors in the plan, a part of it still remains unexecuted, and in others the houses are too near the canal; but there are some regular, broad, and well built streets, and several very noble edifices. The empress's fondness for building has contributed to the beauty of the city; for beside the two royal palaces already mentioned, she has built a noble one said to be intended for the Great Duke. These edifices are mostly of brick plastered over, so as to make an elegant appearance; but the work is generally done in a hurry, and the materials are not very durable. An Italian architect being established in Russia, notwithstanding the difference of climate, the taste of Italy is adopted in almost all their houses, and though the severity of the cold is so great, they abound much more in windows than our houses in England. The number of people in Petersburgh is generally computed at 250,000, including the garrison, which is numerous: but in reckoning the subjects throughout the whole empire, it is laid down as a rule, that the

hundred and seventy-fifth male raises an army of near 50,000 men, and consequently, supposing an equal number of females, the whole may be reckoned 17,500,000; but the tributary Tartars, the Russian Ukraine, and the conquered provinces are not included in this account.

What is truly deserving admiration in Russia, are the labours of the immortal Peter, who still lives not only in every part of the government, but in every work of art and design. We can hardly say too much of this prince; his character is admired by the world in general, but particularly by the part of it that he governed, and which must ever revere his memory, so long as they retain any traces of his vast genius and indefatigable labours. If, in the revolutions of ages, they should again decline into their ancient barbarity of manners, they never will give a stronger proof of that barbarity, than by ceasing to venerate his name.

It has been imputed to this prince, that he was cruel. The exact rule of mercy and justice cannot always be observed by every mortal man; and least of all by princes, who cannot search to the bottom of every thing. A man of his strength of resolution, cannot be supposed to have a heart of the melting sort; and the ingratitude and insensibility of his subjects, their repugnance to accept the terms of their own felicity by the means he sought it for them, means so obviously productive of the end, and yet so obstinately resisted, could not but fire him with some resentment, and might also persuade him they could be ruled only by a rod of iron. Thus he might commit some acts of severity, but that he put men to death with his own hand, Mr. Hanway is persuaded is not true.

An amorous disposition, and a cruel one, are compatible in the same person, as experience often shews; but cruelty and greatness of mind, such as we demonstrated, are not compatible. His love was the love of women; he was not profuse, nor even generous in his amours.

if one may believe the reports of Miss Cross, who was distinguished in her way, by the emperor's favour in England. In Holland he was seen with a girl in his arms at a common drinking-house, of which representation there is now an excellent picture in the palace at Peterhoff. A gardener once threw a hough at him for his amorous advances to a girl who was working in a garden. In short, for a king he was as little elegant as expensive in his amours: as in things of the highest moment, so in this he acted according to his inclinations, without any regard to forms.

He was often seen to weep when he ordered executions. Miss Hambleton, a maid of honour to the empress Catherine, had an amour which at different times produced three children: she had always pleaded sickness; but Peter being suspicious, ordered his physician to attend her, who soon made the discovery. It also appeared that a sense of shame had triumphed over her humanity, and that the children had been put to death as soon as born. Peter enquired if the father of them was privy to the murder; the lady insisted that he was innocent, for she had always deceived him, by pretending they were sent to nurse. Justice now called on the emperor to punish the offence. The lady was much beloved by the empress, who pleaded for her; as to the amour it would have been pardonable, but not the murder. Peter sent her to the castle, and went himself to visit her: the fact being confessed, he pronounced her sentence with tears, telling her that his duty as a prince, and God's vicegerent, called on him for that justice which her crime had rendered indispensably necessary; and therefore she must prepare for death. He attended her also on the scaffold, where he embraced her with the utmost tenderness mixed with sorrow: and some say, that when her head was struck off, he took it up by the ear whilst the lips were yet trembling, and kissed them: a circumstance of an extraordinary nature, and yet not incredible, considering the peculiarities of his character.

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How generous was his conduct to the Swedish prisoners after the battle of Poltowa! He struck one of his own officers for speaking disrespectfully of the king of Sweden, and said to him, "Am I not a king, and might not my fortune have been the same as that prince's?" But what a profusion of sound politics was displayed in his taking his sword from his own side, and presenting it as a token of his favour to the Swedish general Renschild, upon the occasion of that general's saying, "Though the king my master acted contrary to my opinion, yet I thought myself bound, as a faithful subject, to obey his commands."

As it is the custom with us to interrupt conversation by drinking healths at table, in Russia they add also another impertinence, by their servants offering wine whether you ask for it or not. Peter was in warm dispute with admiral Apraxin, when the vice-admiral Senavin presented him with a salver of wine; the emperor impatiently threw back his arm, which necessarily overset the salver, and struck the admiral: he then pursued his discourse as if nothing had happened; afterward recollecting himself, he asked the admiral Apraxin if he had not struck somebody? "Yes, says he, your majesty has struck the vice-admiral Senavin; it is true, he was in the wrong for interrupting your majesty, but he is a very honest man and a brave officer." Peter then reproached himself for striking an officer of that rank, sent for him immediately, begged his pardon, kissed him, and the next day sent him a present.

We must not be surprised that this prince, while he was only a pupil in the school of greatness, condescended to menial offices or low mechanic employments, when only personal labour and personal knowledge could answer the end he had in view. In the height of his glory, and after the completion of his conquest, he had so entire a contempt of those external circumstances which sometimes constitute the whole

whole of a king, except the power annexed to royalty, that he seemed ambitious only of a sovereignty in soul, and to act rather than appear the king. He had an extream dislike to rich cloaths, and was never so well satisfied as in his regimentals: he never wore but one suit of embroidery, and that for a single day only. In the summer time it was his usual custom to drive about the streets of St. Petersburg in a chair with one horse, without any other attendance than one soldier on horseback. In winter he has been several times seen in a common hackney sledge. It would sometimes happen that he had not the value of three pence in his pocket to pay the fare; and has more than once asked the loan of this money of any person whom he knew, and accidentally met; yet notwithstanding these seeming improprieties, the superiority of his genius supported the dignity of a great monarch; and it was by laying aside pomp and splendor, which were unessential to his glory, that he appeared so much like a deity, in every place, almost at one and the same time. He was generally at his tribunals and public offices in the winter season by five in the morning, and thus his personal attendance, and knowledge of business, taught his subjects their respective duties, confined them to those duties, and made the state flourish. He was not contented without going to the bottom of things, and therefore, instead of making his people wait on him, he watched them; so that he was seldom to be found in the palace. Prince Menzikoff had the charge of public feasts for foreign ministers, so that Peter spent no time in vain ceremonies; and as to his own diet it was rather coarse than elegant.

After what has been observed of the condescensions familiar to Peter the Great, the reader will not be surprised that he conversed with all sorts of people of whom he could learn any thing useful; among whom some of the English and other foreign merchants were frequently his companions. He ate and drank
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with them, and was often godfather to their children; if his godchild died, he has even more than once attended their funerals. He was very inquisitive about trade, yet he confessed it was what he least understood: but his establishment of the commerce in St. Petersburg, and bringing the greatest part of it from Archangel; the premiums he offered to those who should find out new branches of trade; his setting up and encouraging new manufactories of linen and hemp in his own country; the great countenance he gave to foreign merchants, and many other such like circumstances, are certain indications that he understood, in many instances, the means of advancing commerce as well as the great end of it.

This prince made even his pleasures and amusements subservient to the important ends of his government. He had more than once received very melancholy proofs of the impatience of his subjects under the reformation which he had planned, and was now accomplishing: this rendered him extremely suspicious of them. As mens hearts are generally most open in their cups, he often drank with them liberally, sometimes at court, and oftener at their own houses. His manners seemed to be rude, in requiring even the ladies, upon certain occasions, to swallow goblets of wine, or other strong liquors; but in this he had his views: drinking is still the vice of Russia, but in a more elegant manner than in past times.

He had frequent convulsive distortions of his head and countenance, contracted by a fright in his youth, on an occasion when his life was in danger; but in cases it was always the rule of the company he was in, to look down, or a different way, and pursue their discourse without seeming to regard him. To prevent a surprise or any attempt on his life, he never lie alone: when he was not with the emperor or other companion, he ordered one of his sons to sleep with him: which was an unpleasant situation to them, as he was very angry if

if they awaked him ; and in his sleep he often grasped them very hard.

What completed his character as a master of exquisite art and acute judgment, he diverted his people into a contempt of that sordid ignorance which for so many ages had reigned in this country, and which he made it his task to banish. This could not be done more effectually than by ridiculing a superstitious reverence of the customs of their forefathers. With this view he ordered a great number of dresses of the several officers of the crown and court as worn in past ages ; and in these himself and his whole court appeared in masquerade : thus exhibiting themselves to the people under several comic figures, they diverted them into a persuasion that they were at least as wise in their age, and in their appearances, as their fathers had been before them."

To what Mr. Hanway relates, we shall add the following remarks from Mr. Bell, who attended the czar in an expedition to Derbent in Persia.

" Several foreign writers have misrepresented and traduced the real character of Peter the Great, by relating mean stories, picked up at alehouses, and circulated among the lowest class of people, most of them without the least ground of truth ; whereby many people of good understanding have been misled, and, even to this present time, look on him to have been a vicious man, and a cruel tyrant ; than which nothing can be more the reverse of his true character.

Though he might have had some failings, yet it is well known, to many living at the time of the writing this, which is above thirty-seven years after his demise, that his prudence, justice, and humanity very much over-balanced his failings ; which principally, if not solely, arose from his inclination to the fair sex.

I shall here, says Mr. Bell, take the liberty to insert a passage or two, which, though trifling, yet as so great a personage is the subject, will not be altogether unacceptable or unentertaining to the reader, as they are instances of his assiduity.

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About the middle of October 1714, I arrived at Cronstadt in an English ship. The czar having notice of the ship's arrival, came on board the next morning, from St. Petersburg; being attended only by Dr. Areskine, who was his chief physician at that time, and, on that occasion, served him as interpreter. After his majesty had enquired news about the Swedish fleet, &c. he eat a piece of bread and cheese, and drank a glass of ale, then went on shore to visit the works carrying on at Cronstadt; and returned the same evening in his boat to St. Petersburg, distance about twenty English miles.

The first winter after my arrival at St. Petersburg, I lodged at Mr. Noy's, an English ship-builder in the czar's service. One morning, before day-light, my servant came and told me that the czar was at the door. I got up, and saw him walking up and down the yard, the weather being severely cold and frosty, without any one to attend him. Mr. Noy soon came, and took him into the parlour, where his majesty gave him some particular directions about a ship then on the stocks; which having done, he left him.

His majesty's person was graceful, tall, and well-made, clean and very plain in his apparel. He generally wore an English drab-colour frock, never appearing in a dress-suit of cloaths, unless on great festivals, and remarkable holidays; on which occasions he was sometimes dressed in laced cloaths, of which sort he was not owner of above three or four suits. When he was dressed, he wore the order of St. Andrew; at other times, he had no badge or mark of any order on his person. His equipage was simple, without attendants. In summer, a four-bared wherry was always attending, to carry him over the river, if he should want to cross it, which he frequently did. When he went about the town, by land, he always made use of an open two-wheeled chaise, attended by two soldiers, or grooms, who rode before, and a page, who sometimes stood behind the chaise, and often sat in it with his majesty, and drove

drove him. In winter, he made use of a sledge, drawn by one horse, with the same attendants. He found these to be the most expeditious ways of conveyance, and used no other. He was abroad every day in the year, unless confined at home by illness, which rarely happened; so that seldom a day passed but he was seen in almost every part of the city.

I have more than once seen him stop, in the streets, to receive petitions from persons who thought themselves wronged by sentences passed in courts of judicature. On taking the petition, the person was told to come next day to the senate, where the affair was immediately examined, and determined, if the nature of it would admit its being done in so short a time. It will naturally follow, that such free access to his person was not only productive of great relief to many poor widows and orphans, but also a strong check upon judges; and tended very much to prevent any sort of influence prevailing on them to pronounce unjust sentences, for which they were so likely to be called to account.

His majesty might truly be called a man of business; for he could dispatch more affairs in a morning than an houseful of senators could do in a month. He rose almost every morning in the winter-time, before four o'clock, was often in his cabinet by three o'clock, where two private secretaries, and certain clerks, paid constant attendance. He often went so early to the senate, as to occasion the senators being raised out of their beds to attend him there. When assembled, after hearing causes between subject and subject, or public affairs, regarding the interior of the empire, read by the secretary, and the opinion of the senate recited thereupon, he would write upon the process, or upon the affair under deliberation, with his own hand, in a very laconic stile, "Let it be according to the decree of the senate;" and sometimes would add some particular alterations, such as he thought fit to mention, and under wrote PETER.

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His majesty knew so little of relaxation of mind when awake, that he never allowed his time of rest to be broke in upon, unless in case of fire. When any accident of that kind happened, in any part of the town, there was a standing order to awake him on his first appearance; and his majesty was frequently the first at the fire, where he always remained, giving the necessary orders, till all further danger was over. This example of paternal regard of the care for his subjects was, of course, followed by all the great officers, and those of the first quality; which was frequently the means of saving many thousands of his subjects from utter ruin, whose houses and goods, without such singular assistance, must have shared the fate of their ruined neighbours.

In acts of religion he appeared devout, but not superstitious. I have seen him at his public devotions in church many times. I have been present, when his majesty, not liking the clerk's manner of reading the psalms, hath taken the book from the clerk, and hath read them himself, which he did very distinctly, and with proper emphasis. His majesty was allowed, by the best judges of the Slavonian and Russian languages, to be as great a master of them as any the most learned of his subjects, whether churchmen or laics. He wrote a very good hand, very expeditiously, yet the characters distinct enough; of this I myself am some judge, having seen many of his letters, all wrote with his own hand, to Mr. Henry Stiles, and others. As to his stile, some of his secretaries, and other competent judges of the language, affirmed, that they had never known any man who wrote more correctly, or could comprise the sense and meaning of what he wrote in so few words, as his majesty.

The following I had from a certain Russ gentleman, of very good family, and who was a general officer of unexceptionable character in the army, who had attended his majesty from his very youth, in all his expeditions. This officer being an old friend of mine,

mine, I went to pay him a visit one evening, long after the death of Peter the Great; when he told me, that such and such officers, naming them, had dined with him that day, and that the principal subject of their conversation turned on the actions of their old father (as he termed him, by way of eminence) Peter the Great. He told me further, that though his majesty seemed to be severe, on certain occasions, yet not one of them all could produce or recollect one single instance of his having punished an honest man; or, that he had caused any person to suffer any punishment who had not well deserved it.

He hath been represented as making too frequent use of spirituous liquors to excess, which is an unmerited aspersions; for he had an aversion to all sots, and to those too much given to drink. It is true, he had his times of diversion, when he would be merry himself, and liked to see others so; this may have been necessary, and proper for the unbending his mind from affairs of great weight; but such amusements occurred generally during holidays, and festival times, and was, with him, at no time of long continuance. It hath been imputed to him, and not without some appearance of reason, that he had political views in encouraging drinking at these times of merriment; for, on these occasions, he mixed with the company, and, conversing with them on the footing of a companion, had better opportunities, at such times, of discovering the real sentiments of those about him, than when they were quite cool.

Those, who by their offices about the person of Peter the Great, might be supposed to be the best acquainted with his disposition, always disavowed his drinking to excess; and insisted on his being a sober prince. During the campaign of the expedition to Derbent in Persia, he was not guilty of the least excess, but rather lived abstemiously. In this point I could not be mistaken, as the tent of Dr. Blumentrost, his majesty's chief physician, with whom I

lodged, was always the nearest tent to that of his majesty.

One instance occurs in proof of the temperance of this great man, viz. in our third day's march, on our return from Derbent, when we were kept in continual alarm by considerable bodies of mountaineers, both horse and foot, whom we saw hovering on the tops of the adjacent hills: though they dared not to come down to the plain, to attack any part of our army, yet it was necessary to be watchful of them; which, in some measure, impeded our march. The evening of that day, we had a hollow way to pass, which took up much time, and obliged the greatest part of the army to remain there all night; so that none reached the camp, except the guards, and some light horse who attended their majesties. On my arrival there, about midnight, I found only his majesty's tent set up, and another small one for Mr. Felton, the czar's principal cook, and master of his kitchen. I went into Felton's tent, and found him all alone, with a large sauce-pan of warm grout before him, made of buck wheat with butter; which, he told me, was the remains of their majesties supper, who eat of nothing else that evening; and who were just gone to bed.

During the whole march, his majesty, for the most part, rode an English pad, about fourteen hands high, for which he had a particular liking, as it was very tractable and easy to mount. His picture is drawn by Caravac on this horse. He did not wear boots, as he very often walked on foot. In the heat of the day, when the army halted, he used to go into the empreis's coach, and sleep for half an hour. His dress, during the march, was a white night cap, with a plain flapped hat over it, and a short dimitty waistcoat. When at any time he received messengers, from the chieftains of the mountaineers, he put on his regimentals, as an officer of the guards, being lieutenant colonel of the Preobrajensky regiment.

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During the whole course of his life, his majesty avoided all sorts of ceremony, except on public occasions. His manner of living, in his house, was more like that of a private gentleman than of so great a monarch. I was once at court on a holiday, when the emperor came home from church to dinner, with a large attendance of his ministers, general officers, and other great men. His table was laid with about fifteen covers. As soon as dinner was served up, he and the empress took their places; and his majesty addressing himself to the company, said, "Gentlemen, please to take your places as far as the table will hold, the rest will go home and dine with their wives."

On such occasions, the princesses, his children, dined in another room, to whom he sent such dishes, from his own table, as he thought proper, for their dinner.

This great monarch took all the pains, and used all the means possible, in order to be intimately acquainted with every thing proper for a man, who ruled a mighty empire, to know. He entered into the detail of every branch of the arts useful to mankind; into that of all the manufactures which regarded the construction of ships, and fitting them for the sea, into that of the making of arms, artillery, &c. If he had a ruling passion for any part of these acquirements, it must have been for ship-building; into which he entered himself very early, in the quality of a common workman, with his hatchet, and proceeded regularly through all the degrees, to the rank of master-builder, which he attained but a few years before his death. After he got that length in the art, he made the draughts, formed the mouldings, and directed the building of several men of war, of the second and third rates, himself; and he duly demanded and received his salary as a master-builder. The day of launching the ships, which he himself built, he celebrated as a holiday, and put on his best clothes; but

before he went to work, to strike away stanchions, blocks, &c. he always put off his fine coat.

He was very frugal in what regarded his personal expences, and those of his household. Notwithstanding his frugality in what related to himself, he spared no cost, in whatever concerned the public, in the structure of his men of war, in the artillery, fortifications, arsenals, canals, &c. all which bore marks of very great magnificence. Nor was he sparing in his buildings, and the decorations of his gardens with statues, grottos, fountains, &c. of which the buildings of the summer palace, and the gardens at St. Petersburg, at Peterhoff, Strealna, Czarfsky Sealo, and many others, are sufficient proofs. I shall not detain the reader longer, on the subject of this very great man's character, or way of living, than to acquaint him, that, as his majesty was very early up in the morning, he went abroad generally without breakfast; came home to dinner about eleven o'clock; after dinner went to sleep for about an hour; after which, if business did not intervene, he sometimes diverted himself at his turning loom; then went to visit those he had a regard for, as well foreigners as Russians, with whom he would be very sociable, and easy in conversation. He sometimes supped with them; which, generally in his latter days, was on hare or wild fowl, roasted very dry, drank small beer, and sometimes a few glasses of wine; and generally was in bed before ten o'clock at night. He neither played at cards, dice, or any game of chance.

The reader will please to take along with him the following observation, viz. that this monarch was at no time, even during masquerades, feastings, assemblies, or any other diversions or amusements, by day or night, without the attendance of some or other of his ministers, and of those who possessed his confidence; by which means business, and such affairs as were of the greatest consequence, went on regularly; and some of them even concerted during those times of relaxation." —

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With some Anecdotes of King FREDERIC II.

From Mr. HANWAY, &c.

THE kingdom of Prussia, which has been called Ducal Prussia, and belongs to the house of Brandenburg, is divided from the other dominions of its sovereign by Polish Prussia, and is bounded on the north by Samogitia, on the east by Lithuania, on the south by Poland Proper and Masovia, and on the west by Polish Prussia and the Baltic. Its greatest length, from its northern extremity to Soldau, is about a hundred and ninety miles, and its breadth, from the borders of the great duchy of Lithuania, near Shirwind, to the western coast of Samland, is a hundred and fourteen miles; but in other places it is much narrower.

With respect to the climate and temperature of the air, the two last months of the spring and the two first summer months are temperate, warm, and pleasant, and the weather generally favourable for bringing the fruits of the earth to maturity; but before and after these months the air is cold and piercing: autumn is often wet, and the winter severe. The air is, however, well purified by high winds. As to the distempers which most prevail in Prussia, the inhabitants are more subject to the gout and stone than to the scurvy. The soil produces great plenty of corn, fruit, excellent herbs, and pasturage. Prussia likewise abounds with flocks and herds, and exceeding fine horses; its chief commodities are buck-wheat, wool, flax, hemp, wax, honey, hops, pit-coal, and pitch.

pitch. Vast quantities of amber are found on the coasts of the Baltic, in Prussia, particularly on the Samland shore.

The number of inhabitants in this kingdom were in the year 1755 computed at 635,998 persons capable of bearing arms, and consist of native Prussians, who, from their language and manners, appear to be descended from the Germans; of Lithuanians, who have their peculiar language; and of Poles.

With respect to the religion of Prussia, the inhabitants are in general Lutherans; but as a great number of the colonists are Calvinists, they have also their churches, not only in the cities and towns, but in some villages they have a particular church appropriated to their use, and in other places they perform divine service in the Lutheran churches. The papists have a few churches in this kingdom; here are also some Mennonites, and a few congregations of Socinians.

The manufactures in Prussia are daily improving and increasing, particularly the glass and iron works, manufactures of silk, cloth, camblet, linen, and stockings; paper, powder, copper, and brass mills. Prussia is conveniently situated for trade, and to promote it a college of commerce and navigation has been erected which takes a cognizance of all disputes and proposals relating to trade and commerce.

The commodities of Prussia and great Lithuania sold to foreign merchants, and annually exported, are all kinds of grain, to the amount of twenty thousand lasts; pine trees for masts, deal boards, and timber; tar, wood-asbes, pot-ash, elk skins, leather, furs, amber, about twelve thousand five hundred stone of wax, honey, manna, linseed oil, flax, hemp, linseed, and hemp-seed; also yarn, hogs bristles, flags horns, and elks hoofs; oat-meal, mead, dried fish, sturgeon, caviar, lampreys, sausages, butter, and tallow, of which last three thousand four hundred stones are exported every year.

Frederic, the son of Frederic William the Great, and the grandfather of the present king, raised the
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duchy of Prussia to a kingdom, and in 1701, in a solemn assembly of the states of the empire, placed the crown with his own hands upon his head and that of his consort; soon after which he was acknowledged as king of Prussia by all the other christian powers. His son Frederic William, who ascended the throne in 1713, peopled his country by the favourable reception he gave to the distressed and persecuted Saltzburghers; and rendered his reign glorious by many useful and magnificent foundations. This monarch was succeeded in 1740 by his son Frederic II. his present majesty, who has annexed to his dominions the greatest part of Silesia and East Priesland, rendered his kingdom formidable by his valour and uncommon prudence, and promoted the happiness of his subjects by an amendment and reduction of the laws, the increase of commerce, and many other wise regulations.

Berlin is airy and elegant: the streets are regular and clean, and the houses uniform. In going toward the palace on the Pont Neuf, or new bridge, which is of stone, over the Spree, is an equestrian statue of Frederic William the Great, which is esteemed a piece of exquisite workmanship; it was erected by Frederic I. king of Prussia, who also built the palace, which is very magnificent.

It is a pleasure to observe the great œconomy of this court, the apartments in the palace are adorned with silver in every shape; but these ornaments are so massy, that the fashion is not more than 7 l. per cent. so that four millions of dollars might be realized with great ease. The king's particular apartments are elegant, but have nothing extraordinary; the prevailing taste is white stucco and gilding. Several of the private apartments have tables, with pens, ink, and loose papers, which indicate the dispatch of business, more than the regularity and elegance one naturally expects to find in a royal palace.

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Mr. Hanway observes, that at the time of his being at Berlin, the king of Prussia was considered as no friend to Great Britain; but adds, there is a pleasure in praising the worthy, whether they happen to be our friends or not. Frederic II. king of Prussia and elector of Brandenburg, was born on the 24th of January 1712, and was the son of king Frederic William, by Sophia Dorothea, the sister of king George II. He ascended the throne on the 21st of May 1740, and was therefore 28 years of age when his father died. He had an early taste of literature and the polite arts, and distinguished himself by the delicacy of his manners, in opposition to the inelegant customs that prevailed at his father's court.

There is one circumstance in favour of his Prussian majesty beyond any other prince in Europe; which is the great œconomy of his government and personal expence. The allowance of his table is but 20 crowns, or 5 l. 5 s. a day, fish and wine excepted, in which he is at no great expence. Potsdam is the favourite residence of the king of Prussia, who here avoids the empty ceremonies of a court. He entertains at his table twelve persons: those of his ministers most in favour are first invited, with those of foreign princes who happen to be at Potsdam, and his officers, even to an ensign, fill up the vacant places. His conversation is free and easy, even to jesting; but he passes from the gay to the serious in an instant, and supports his dignity both from the fear and the affection of those about him. So little does he observe useless forms, that he has risen from his chair at his writing-table, and caused his secretary to take his place, and write down the orders which he dictated standing.







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